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1 [There is no reportable action as a result of the
2 Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING. ASK THE MEETING TO
7 COME TO ORDER. AND FIRST OF ALL, I ASK EVERYONE TO RISE FOR
8 THE INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. THE INVOCATION
9 WILL BE READ BY THE REVEREND LATISHA ANN STEWART SMITH, OF THE
10 CASTAIC COMMUNITY A.M.E. CHURCH. AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
11 WILL BE LED BY AXEL RODRIGUEZ GUERRA, FORMER SERGEANT IN THE
12 UNITED STATES ARMY. PASTOR SMITH.

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14 **REV. LATISHA ANN STEWART SMITH:** THANK YOU MR. ANTONOVICH FOR
15 THIS INVITATION TODAY. I WANT TO ASK THAT WE PAUSE FOR A
16 MOMENT IN REVERENCE FOR THE LIFE THAT WE ALL HAVE THE
17 OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES OF
18 THIS NEW DAY. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE HONOR OF CIVIC DUTY AND
19 RESPONSIBILITY. WE ARE CERTAINLY GRATEFUL FOR THE HONOR OF THE
20 INDIVIDUAL RIGHT TO VOTE. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE DEDICATED,
21 FAITHFUL SERVANTS OF THE GREAT COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
22 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SUPERVISOR
23 KNABE, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WE ASK
24 THAT YOU TOUCH THEM WITH PARTICULAR GRACE, GRACIOUSNESS AND
25 MERCY TODAY. WE ASK THAT YOU BLESS THEIR LIVES AND THE LIVES



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1 OF THEIR FAMILIES. WE ASK THAT THEY CONTINUE TO CARRY THE
2 TORCH OF COMMITMENT AND SERVICE TO ALL OF THEIR CONSTITUENTS.
3 THEN WE ASK FOR ALL THOSE THAT ARE IN THESE PROCEEDINGS TODAY
4 THAT THEY WOULD COME FORWARD IN GRACIOUSNESS AND RESPECT, AS
5 WELL. THIS IS SUCH AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE TO SERVE IN THIS
6 GREAT COUNTRY AND TO BE ABLE TO HELP OTHERS LIVE BETTER LIVES.
7 WE THANK YOU SO MUCH AND WE PRAY THAT THESE PROCEEDINGS WILL
8 MOVE FORWARD AND THAT THEY REFLECT SINCERE GRATITUDE OF THIS
9 PRIVILEGE. AMEN.

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11 **AXEL RODRIGUEZ GUERRA:** PLEASE REMAIN STANDING. FACE THE FLAG.
12 PUT YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE
13 OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE TO HAVE A GOOD
18 FRIEND, REVEREND PASTOR LATISHA ANN STEWART SMITH, LEAD US IN
19 OUR INVOCATION THIS MORNING. SHE'S THE PASTOR OF THE CASTAIC
20 COMMUNITY A.M.E. CHURCH SINCE 2005 AND ALSO WORKS AT OLIVE
21 VIEW HOSPITAL. SHE RECEIVED HER UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE FROM SAN
22 JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY AND HER NURSING EDUCATION WAS AT THE
23 L.A. SCHOOL OF NURSING AND AT THE HARBOR U.C.L.A. WOMEN'S
24 HEALTHCARE NURSE-PRACTITIONERS' PROGRAM. SHE'S ALSO THE
25 PRESIDENT OF THE CASTAIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, QUITE ACTIVE IN



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1 CASTAIC AND ACTIVE IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY ACTIVITIES, AND
2 IS PASSIONATE ABOUT GIVING LEADERSHIP, BOTH FROM THE PULPIT
3 AND IN THE COMMUNITY AND JUST BEING A GREAT ROLE MODEL. SHE'S
4 MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN AND A GRANDCHILD. AND, AGAIN,
5 WHATEVER COMMUNITY EVENT THERE IS IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY,
6 LATISHA'S THERE. CASTAIC, AS I SAID, INVOLVED WITH THE
7 CHAMBER, A VERY DYNAMIC GROUP. AND WE JUST APPRECIATE HER
8 INVOLVEMENT AND COMMITMENT TO THE LORD AND TO HER COMMUNITY,
9 AND TO OUR COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. VERY GOOD. [APPLAUSE.]

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES AND
12 GENTLEMEN, IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF
13 APPRECIATION TO ALEX RODRIGUEZ GUERRA, WHO LIVES IN THE CITY
14 OF WHITTIER AND IS A FORMER SERGEANT IN OUR UNITED STATES
15 ARMY. HE SERVED IN THE ARMY FROM 1996 TO 2003. HE RECEIVED AN
16 ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, ARMY ACCOMMODATION MEDAL, ARMY GOOD
17 CONDUCT MEDAL, A NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, A MERITORIOUS
18 SERVICE MEDAL. HE'S MARRIED WITH FOUR CHILDREN AND HAS LIVED
19 IN THE DISTRICT FOR SEVEN YEARS. HE'S HERE WITH HIS WIFE AND
20 DAUGHTER HERE THIS MORNING. WE'D LIKE TO THANK HIM NOT ONLY
21 FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE BUT IN HIS
22 SERVICE TO OUR GREAT COUNTRY. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE.
25 SACHI, WILL YOU CALL THE AGENDA.



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CLERK SACHI HAMAI: GOOD MORNING MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D AND 2-D. ON BOTH OF THESE ITEMS, THERE'S EITHER A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE ASKED FOR THESE ITEMS TO BE HELD. ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. ON ITEM NO. 1-H, AGAIN THERE'S A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAS REQUESTED THE ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 5, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICTS. ITEM NO. 1-P AND 2-P ARE BEFORE YOU.

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SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN: KNABE MOVES. I'LL SECOND IT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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CLERK SACHI HAMAI: ON PAGE 6, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 13. ON ITEM NO. 1, THIS INCLUDES THE APPOINTMENT AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND ALSO THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 2, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE. ON ITEM NO. 9 THERE IS A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. I'LL MOVE IT. MOLINA
2 SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE EXCEPT ON ITEM 2
3 WHERE ANTONOVICH AND RIDLEY-THOMAS WILL BE RECORDED AS AN
4 ABSTENTION.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. ON PAGE 11, CONSENT CALENDAR,
7 ITEMS NO. 14 THROUGH 80. ON ITEM NO. 14, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
8 AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
9 ITEM NO. 15, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
10 HOLD THIS ITEM. ALSO ON ITEM NO. 16, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
11 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THE ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 18,
12 SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO.
13 19, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
14 ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 20, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
15 BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 23, ALTHOUGH THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND
16 FAMILY -- ALTHOUGH THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
17 SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JUNE 12,
18 2012, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
19 NO. 24, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
20 THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 30, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES
21 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JUNE 12, 2012. ON ITEM
22 NO. 32, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
23 THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 34, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS
24 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JUNE 19, 2012. ON ITEM NO. 43,
25 THE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE



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1 CONTINUED TO JUNE 19, 2012. ON ITEM NO. 45, THE DIRECTOR OF
2 MENTAL HEALTH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JUNE 12,
3 2012. ON ITEM NO. 48, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE
4 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 49, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
5 THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 51, AS
6 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
7 HEALTH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JUNE
8 12, 2012. ON ITEM NO. 53, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS
9 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 56, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
10 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JUNE 12, 2012. ON ITEM
11 NO. 73, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
12 TO AUGUST 7, 2012. ALSO ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
13 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEM NO. 74, SUPERVISOR
14 KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 75 --

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'M SORRY. WHAT WAS THAT?

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 74.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT WASN'T NOTED.

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IT JUST CAME IN.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO WHAT'S THE REQUEST ON
25 74?



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** JUST A HOLD BY SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 75, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
7 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 77, THE
8 CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THE SETTLEMENT BE
9 APPROVED TODAY BUT THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN BE CONTINUED TO
10 JUNE 19, 2012. AND ON ITEM NO. 80, AS INDICATED ON THE
11 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEE
12 RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE
13 WEEK TO JUNE 12, 2012. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT
14 CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, RIDLEY-THOMAS MOVES,
17 ANTONOVICH SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 45, ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION,
20 ITEMS 81 THROUGH 84, AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLES IN FOR THE
21 RECORD. ON ITEM NO. 81, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION
22 AMENDING THE ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION
23 FRANCHISE GRANTED TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COMPANY EDISON TO
24 EXTEND THE TERM OF THE EDISON FRANCHISE THROUGH DECEMBER 31,
25 2013. ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE



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1 PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEM NO. 82, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR
2 INTRODUCTION AMENDING THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 2, ADMINISTRATION,
3 INCREASING THE TRANSITIONAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES PREFERENCE FROM
4 5 PERCENT TO 8 PERCENT. AND THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY KNABE. SECOND BY RIDLEY-
7 THOMAS, WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 83, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR
10 INTRODUCTION AMENDING THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 6, SALARIES
11 RELATING TO THE ADDITION, DELETION AND CHANGING OF CERTAIN
12 CLASSIFICATIONS AND NUMBER OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN VARIOUS
13 DEPARTMENTS AS A RESULT OF THE BUDGET PROCESS FOR FISCAL YEAR
14 2012-2013. ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF
15 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEM NO. 84, THIS ITEM SUPERVISOR
16 KNABE IS REQUESTING IT TO BE CONTINUED TO AUGUST 7, 2012.
17 THERE'S ALSO A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO REQUESTS THAT IT BE
18 HELD.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 46, DISCUSSION ITEM, ITEM NO. 85.
23 SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JUNE
24 19, 2012, BUT THERE'S ALSO REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
25 TO HOLD IT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. LET'S HOLD IT AND THEN
3 WE'LL DEAL WITH THE CONTINUANCE ISSUE AFTER THAT.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 47, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE
6 AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE
7 MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. 86-A.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** RIDLEY-THOMAS MOVES. MOLINA
10 SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 86-B.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'LL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY
15 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON 86-C, THERE'S REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS OF
18 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON 86-D, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
19 AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND
20 THAT COMPLETES THE READING --

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 86-C AND D?

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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3 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IS HOLDING 86-D, AS
4 WELL.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
9 AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
10 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 4.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE A PRESENTATION TO A NEW
13 CONSUL GENERAL. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO
14 PRESENT THIS PLAQUE TO THE HONORABLE RUBEN DARIO BENITEZ
15 PALMA, THE CONSUL GENERAL OF PARAGUAY HERE IN LOS ANGELES. THE
16 CONSUL GENERAL HAS BEEN A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES SINCE HE WAS
17 ACCREDITED TO HIS POST IN DECEMBER 2009. IN THAT TIME, HE HAS
18 BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN FOSTERING GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN PARAGUAY
19 AND THE PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA AND 13 OTHER WESTERN STATES,
20 INCLUDING ALASKA AND HAWAII. HE WAS KEY IN THE CREATION OF THE
21 FIRST PARAGUAYAN ASSOCIATION ON THE WEST COAST. HE ALSO LED
22 CREATION OF A NEW OFFICIAL WEBSITE IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH AND
23 A NEW PROFILE ON FACEBOOK TO WIDEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR
24 COMMUNITIES TO INTERACT WITH THE CONSULATE. HE LED THE
25 ORGANIZATION OF NUMEROUS CULTURAL EVENTS AND ALSO LED THE



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1 DESIGN OF CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR THE PARAGUAYAN COMMUNITIES IN
2 THE WESTERN REGION IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY. THE CONSUL GENERAL
3 IS ALSO FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES LATIN AMERICAN
4 CONSUL GENERALS' GROUP, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED LAST SEPTEMBER.
5 CONSUL GENERAL, IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE BOARD
6 AND I WISH YOU WELL IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS AS YOU DEPART
7 YOUR CURRENT POSITION AS CONSUL GENERAL OF PARAGUAY TO LOS
8 ANGELES, CALIFORNIA AND THE OTHER WESTERN STATES. I WISH YOU
9 CONTINUED SUCCESS. AND DON'T BE A STRANGER. COME BACK AND
10 VISIT US ONCE IN A WHILE. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **HON. RUBEN DARIO BENITEZ PALMA:** DISTINGUISHED CHAIRMAN, ZEV,
13 THANK YOU. MR. ZEV, THANK YOU SO MUCH AND DISTINGUISHED
14 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF L.A. CITY COUNCIL. SO THANK YOU SO
15 MUCH FOR THIS RECOGNITION AND I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU THAT I
16 ENJOY VERY MUCH TO BE HERE IN LOS ANGELES. I HAVE BEEN TWO
17 YEARS AND A HALF HERE. AND I AM MOVING TO SERVE AT THE EMBASSY
18 OF PARAGUAY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. SO, REALLY, I APPRECIATE ALL
19 YOUR FRIENDSHIP, YOUR HOSPITALITY AND YOUR HELP TO THE
20 PARAGUAYAN COMMUNITY AND ALSO THE LATIN AMERICAN COMMUNITY.
21 AND I INVITE ALL OF YOU TO VISIT MY COUNTRY, PARAGUAY. THANK
22 YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR KNABE? OH.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. AT
2 THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO CALL UP OUR DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER
3 AFFAIRS, BRIAN STIGER, OUR SMALL CLAIMS ADVISORY PROGRAM
4 MANAGER, NICK AQUINO, AND OUR 2012 JUSTICECORPS PROGRAM
5 INTERNS. TODAY WE ARE RECOGNIZING THE MEMBERS OF THE CONSUMER
6 AFFAIRS JUSTICECORPS PROGRAM WHO HAVE ASSISTED AND COUNSELED
7 MANY LOS ANGELES COUNTY LITIGANTS AND OUR DEPARTMENT OF SMALL
8 CLAIMS COURT ADVISER AND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT SERVICE PROGRAM.
9 THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE 2004. IT'S AN
10 INCREDIBLY SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM. AND IT'S A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN
11 THE CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR
12 COURT. THROUGH OVER THE YEARS, OVER 100 JUSTICECORPS INTERNS
13 HAVE VOLUNTEERED IN EXCESS OF 30,000 HOURS, EXCUSE ME, HELPING
14 CONSUMER AFFAIRS CUSTOMERS GAIN GREATER ACCESS TO JUSTICE.
15 THESE INTERNS HELP WITH KEY SERVICES, INCLUDING ASSISTING
16 SMALL CLAIMS COURT LITIGANTS, LAWSUITS, DEFENDING CASES,
17 COLLECTING JUDGMENTS. THIS YEAR OUR INTERNS WERE FROM AND
18 CONTINUE TO BE FROM U.S.C., U.C.L.A., CAL STATE DOMINGUEZ
19 HILLS AND CAL POLY POMONA. EACH ONE OF THEM, I HAD A CHANCE TO
20 VISIT WITH THEM UPSTAIRS, FOUND THEIR ASSIGNMENT TO BE A
21 HIGHLY GRATIFYING AND LEARNING EXPERIENCE. THE INTERNS, WE
22 GAVE THEM THEIR SCROLLS UPSTAIRS, BUT ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND
23 MY COLLEAGUES AND THE BOARD AND OUR 10 MILLION RESIDENTS HERE
24 IN THE LARGEST COUNTY IN AMERICA, WE'D JUST LIKE TO SAY THANK
25 YOU AND BEST OF LUCK IN YOUR CAREER CHOICES, IN YOUR CAREER



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1 PATHS AND TRULY HAVE APPRECIATED ALL THAT YOU'VE DONE ON
2 BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS. SO WE THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH, OKAY?
3 [APPLAUSE.] BRIAN, I'D LIKE TO PRESENT YOU A SCROLL IN
4 RECOGNITION OF THIS PROGRAM AND TO SAY THANK YOU TO YOU AND
5 YOUR DEPARTMENT AND WE'LL GO FROM THERE AND WE'LL GET THE
6 MEMBERS HERE.

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8 **BRIAN STIGER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE. MEMBERS OF THE
9 BOARD. WE REALLY WANT TO EXTEND OUR APPRECIATION AND
10 CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE INTERNS. THEY DO A FABULOUS JOB.
11 WE'VE HAD THIS PARTNERSHIP WITH THE JUSTICECORPS NOW FOR ABOUT
12 NINE YEARS. AND THE 300 HOURS THAT THESE FOLKS PUT IN HELPS US
13 ASSIST MORE THAN A COUPLE THOUSAND L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS GOING
14 THROUGH THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT SYSTEM. SO CONGRATULATIONS,
15 INTERNS, GOOD LUCK ON YOUR FUTURE. AND WE'RE REALLY
16 APPRECIATIVE OF THIS PROGRAM. [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS KIND OF A SAD NOTE BECAUSE THIS WAS
19 AN INDIVIDUAL WHO CAME HERE A FEW YEARS AGO, JOHN FENTON, TO
20 TAKE OVER THE METROLINK SYSTEM. AND WHAT HE BROUGHT WITH HIM
21 WAS NOT JUST ENERGY BUT A VISION AND A COMMITMENT AND AN
22 INTEGRITY AND THE ABILITY TO TAKE A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM THAT
23 THIS SYSTEM HAD, THE METROLINK SYSTEM, AND TURN IT INTO A VERY
24 FINE ORGANIZATION TODAY THAT IS SERVING OUR PUBLIC. HE WAS THE
25 RIGHT MAN AT THE RIGHT TIME TO TURN AROUND THIS FALLING APART



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1 DEPARTMENT AND INSTEAD SET ITS PATH TOWARD SAFETY, SOLVENCY
2 AND GROWTH. THE TRAGIC CHATSWORTH TRAIN ACCIDENT THAT OCCURRED
3 IN 2008 WAS A CRASH THAT OUGHT TO HAVE BEEN AVOIDED. IT KILLED
4 25 PEOPLE AND SERIOUSLY INJURED DOZENS MORE, MANY WHO ARE
5 STILL SUFFERING FROM THOSE INJURIES. WHAT THAT CRASH EXPOSED
6 WAS THE SERIOUS DEFICIENCIES THAT HAD OVERTAKEN THE STAFF AND
7 AGENCY STRUCTURE UNDER THE PRIOR ADMINISTRATION. JOHN'S
8 TREMENDOUS PRIVATE SECTOR EXPERIENCE AND KNOW-HOW EAGERLY
9 ACCEPTED THE CHALLENGE TO REBUILD AN AGENCY AND MORE
10 IMPORTANTLY TO RESTORE PUBLIC TRUST IN THE METROLINK SYSTEM.
11 HE'S BEEN NOTHING SHORT BUT A BREATH OF FRESH AIR AND A REAL
12 INSPIRING LEADER WHO HAD THAT DECISIVE LEADERSHIP, BOLD VISION
13 TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS. IMMEDIATELY TAKING OFFICE, WHAT DID HE
14 DO? HE RODE THE TRAINS ALL OVER THE SYSTEM FROM THE ANTELOPE
15 VALLEY DOWN TO OCEANSIDE. HE TALKED TO THE RIDERS TO GAIN
16 THEIR INPUT, THEIR INSIGHT, THEIR PERCEPTION. HE SAW FIRSTHAND
17 EVERY PART OF THE METROLINK SYSTEM. HE PUT FORTH A COURSE OF
18 ACTION TO MAKE THIS THE SAFEST RAILROAD IN THE COUNTRY BY
19 PURSUING POSITIVE TRAIN CONTROL TECHNOLOGY FOR THE SOUTHERN
20 CALIFORNIA RAILROAD SYSTEM. HE CREATED A CULTURE OF SAFETY
21 WITHIN METROLINK SO THAT THE STAFF'S ATTITUDE ON SAFETY ARE
22 THE TOP PRIORITY, AND THAT WOULD BECOME THE DAILY PRIORITY.
23 THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE'RE USING THAT EXAMPLE TO INSTILL A
24 CULTURAL CHANGE AT THE M.T.A. TO MAKE SAFETY NUMBER 1 JUST AS
25 METROLINK HAS SUCCESSFULLY BEEN ABLE TO DO. JOHN HAS MADE A



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1 PRIORITY TO REACH OUT TO OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITIES AND INCREASE
2 RIDERSHIP ON METROLINK BY GETTING BUSINESSES TO ENCOURAGE
3 THEIR WORKERS TO USE THE SYSTEM TO GO TO AND FROM WORK. HE
4 ALSO FOUND WAYS TO CUT COSTS AND INCREASE THE SERVICE. OUR
5 PRIOR MANAGEMENT BECAME ALLOWED -- REGIME ALLOWED OUR TRAINS
6 TO IDLE WHILE PARKED, WASTING HUNDREDS OF GALLONS OF EXPENSIVE
7 FUEL. JOHN IMMEDIATELY STOPPED THIS PRACTICE AND AS A RESULT,
8 WE HAVE SAVED MONEY AND FUEL BY BEING SMARTER WITH OUR
9 RESOURCES. HE ALSO LED THE BOARD TO IMPLEMENT METROLINK'S
10 FIRST EXPRESS TRAIN SERVICE, WHICH IS VERY POPULAR, FROM
11 PALMDALE TO LOS ANGELES. HE TURNED A TWO-HOUR TRAIN RIDE EACH
12 WAY INTO A 90-MINUTE RIDE. HE SAVES RIDERS AN HOUR A DAY OF
13 TRAVEL TIME. THE SAN BERNADINO TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY, HE
14 TURNED A 90-MINUTE TRAIN RIDE EACH WAY INTO A 60-MINUTE RIDE,
15 WHICH AGAIN SAVES RIDERS AN HOUR A DAY OF TRAVEL TIME. ANOTHER
16 HIGHLIGHT HAD BEEN THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL ANGEL STADIUM TRAINS
17 THAT SERVE EACH HOME GAME AS WELL AS THE TRAIN FOR THE U2
18 CONCERTS THAT BROUGHT HUNDREDS OF NEW RIDERS INTO THE
19 METROLINK SYSTEM FOR THE FIRST TIME. HE ALSO ENCOURAGED AND
20 EXPANDED OUR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY TRAIN, WHICH IS SO POPULAR
21 AMONG THE COMMUNITIES BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE WE ALSO, WITH
22 COOPERATION WITH OUR FIRE DEPARTMENTS, COLLECT TOYS FOR THOSE
23 CHILDREN AT CHRISTMASTIME. HE'S A RARE C.E.O. IN THE PUBLIC
24 SECTOR, SOMEONE WITH IMMEDIATE PRIVATE SECTOR EXPERIENCE WHO
25 CAN LEAD WITH AUTHORITY AND CONFIDENCE. NOT ONLY HE SAW WHAT



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1 METROLINK NEEDED TO HAVE FIXED, BUT HE BECAME RELIABLE BY
2 FIXING THOSE PROBLEMS. AND HE ALSO HAD A DEEP VISION FOR WHAT
3 METROLINK COULD BECOME. NOW, WE'RE GOING TO MISS JOHN. AND WE
4 CAN ONLY HOPE TO FIND A REPLACEMENT THAT HAS HIS SAME
5 ABILITIES TO REPLACE JOHN, THAT HAS PRIVATE SECTOR EXPERIENCE,
6 FOCUS ON SAFETY AND CUSTOMER SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, AGAIN VISION
7 FOR THE FUTURE AND OVERALL CHARACTER AND INTEGRITY TO ASSURE
8 THAT THE PASSENGERS MAKE IT HOME TO THEIR FAMILIES EVERY TIME
9 THEY RIDE THAT METROLINK TRAIN. SO, JOHN, IT'S SAD THAT YOU'RE
10 LEAVING. WE WISH YOU CONGRATULATIONS AS YOU MOVE ON TO FLORIDA
11 TO BE WITH YOUR FAMILY. BUT YOU REALLY HAVE BEEN THE LIGHT AT
12 THE END OF THE TUNNEL AND THE MANY, MANY MILLIONS OF CITIZENS
13 WHO RIDE METROLINK FROM OCEANSIDE, RIVERSIDE, L.A., VENTURA
14 COUNTY, SAN BERNADINO, ORANGE COUNTY AND SOON TO BE SANTA
15 BARBARA COUNTY, WHICH WE HOPE TO BE ADDING ON, TAKE THIS WITH
16 YOU AND REMEMBER THAT YOU HAVE A LOT OF LOVE AND FRIENDSHIPS
17 BACK AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, COULD I JUST AS A MEMBER OF
20 METROLINK BOARD, JUST TO ECHO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S
21 COMMENTS. I SAT ON THE INTERVIEW COMMITTEE TO HIRE JOHN. I
22 KIDDED AT THE TIME, I SAID, "ARE WE HIRING ZIG ZIGLAR? OR ARE
23 WE HIRING AN EXECUTIVE?" QUITE A MOTIVATOR. BUT NOT ONLY
24 BROUGHT STABILITY AND GUIDANCE TO AN ORGANIZATION THAT WAS
25 HAVING ISSUES, I THINK MOST IMPORTANTLY WAS THE TEAM THAT HE



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1 BUILT AROUND HIM AND MOTIVATING THE STAFF AND REALLY MAKING A
2 TEAM EFFORT OVER AT METROLINK. I WISH WE COULD HAVE HAD HIM
3 FOR LONGER. I WISH HIM THE VERY, VERY BEST AND THE GOOD
4 HEALTH. I KNOW PART OF THE REASON WHY YOU'RE DOING WHAT YOU'RE
5 DOING AND I THINK YOU'RE MAKING THE RIGHT DECISION THERE.
6 FAMILY ALWAYS COMES FIRST. AND SO WE'RE PROUD OF YOU. WE THANK
7 YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE. PROUD TO BE PART OF YOUR TEAM.
8 [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **JOHN FENTON:** FIRST OF ALL I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD. I WAS
11 VERY FORTUNATE THAT SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
12 SAT ON THE METROLINK BOARD AND GAVE ME THE MANDATE AND THE
13 SUPPORT TO DO WHAT WE DID. I AM PROUD ABOUT OUR SAFETY
14 PERFORMANCE. IF THERE'S SOMETHING THAT I HOPE THAT I LEFT AND
15 INSTILLED IN MY STAFF IS THAT IT'S ALL ABOUT OUR PASSENGERS.
16 PASSENGERS COME FIRST IN EVERY ASPECT. AND OUR DESIRE WAS THE
17 GIVE EVERYONE A GREAT RIDE EVERY TIME THEY GOT ON THE TRAIN
18 AND TO PROVIDE GOOD VALUE SO YOU CAN GO HOME TO YOUR FRIENDS
19 AND FAMILIES AND GET TO WORK AND DO THE THINGS THAT YOU NEED
20 TO DO. SO IT'S BEEN A REAL PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO SERVE THE
21 CITIZENS AND COMMUNITIES OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AND I THANK
22 THE SUPERVISORS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT. [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WITH ME AT THIS TIME IS VITO CANELLA,
25 RESIDENT OF MONTROSE AND ONE OF THE GREAT CHAMPIONS OF



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1 NATIONAL FLAG DAY OF THE UNITED STATES AND ROBIN GOLDSWORTHY,
2 WHO IS THE PUBLISHER OF THE CRESCENTA VALLEY WEEKLY NEWSPAPER.
3 JUNE 14 IS NATIONAL FLAG DAY AND JUNE 10-15 IS NATIONAL FLAG
4 WEEK IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THIS IS THE DAY INTENDED TO
5 HEIGHTEN THE AWARENESS OF OUR FLAG AND THE RICH HISTORY AND
6 TRADITIONS OF OLD GLORY, A SYMBOL OF AMERICA'S STRENGTH,
7 FREEDOM AND LIBERTY. BACK IN 1777, THE SECOND CONTINENTAL
8 CONGRESS ESTABLISHED THE FLAG OF A VERY YOUNG NATION WHOSE 13
9 ORIGINAL STATES WERE REPRESENTED IN THE FLAG'S 13 STARS AND 13
10 ALTERNATING RED AND WHITE STRIPES. TODAY THE STARS AND STRIPES
11 COMMEMORATE THE REVOLUTIONARY TRUTHS OF OUR DECLARATION OF
12 INDEPENDENCE AND CONSTITUTION. AND DURING FLAG DAY AND
13 NATIONAL FLAG WEEK, WE HONOR THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO CARRY OUR
14 FLAG INTO BATTLE. AND WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN
15 THEIR LIVES TO DEFEND OUR FLAG AND OUR COUNTRY. THROUGH THEIR
16 BRAVERY AND SACRIFICE, THEY HELP KEEP AMERICA SAFE TO ADVANCE
17 PEACE AND FREEDOM AROUND THE GLOBE. SO VITO AND ROBIN, WE WANT
18 TO GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
19 ANGELES DECLARING NATIONAL FLAG WEEK.

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21 **VITO CANELLA:** GOOD MORNING. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF
22 SUPERVISORS AND MIKE ANTONOVICH TO ISSUE THIS PROCLAMATION
23 THAT MAKE THE WEEK OF JUNE 14 FLAG WEEK. FLAG WEEK IS VERY
24 IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE I'M ONE OF THE TWO PEOPLE THAT WE
25 ORIGINATE A PETITION TO, WITH THE HELP OF A LOT OF PEOPLE, TO



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1 BRING THE PETITION IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND ABLE TO HAVE IT TO
2 CONGRESS IN A JOINT SESSION, THE SENATE AND THE CONGRESS TO
3 APPROVE A LEGISLATION THAT SAYS THAT THE WEEK OF JUNE 14 FROM
4 1966 ON IS FLAG WEEK. THAT'S THE TIME PRESIDENT JOHNSON SIGNED
5 INTO LAW THE LEGISLATION. THE LEGISLATION SAID THAT THE WEEK
6 OF JUNE 14 IS FLAG WEEK. AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
7 STATES IS COMPELLED TO MAKE A PROCLAMATION EVERY YEAR
8 DECLARING THE WEEK OF JUNE 14 FLAG WEEK. THEY DO THAT VERY
9 QUIETLY. NOBODY PICK IT UP. AND ONLY IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
10 ANGELES WE KNOW THAT THE WEEK IS FLAG WEEK THROUGH THE HELP OF
11 MIKE ANTONOVICH AT THE BOARD. SO I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD.
12 THIS WEEK IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE I'M ONE OF THE
13 ORIGINATORS OF THAT LEGISLATION AND I WOULD LIKE TO DEDICATE
14 THIS HERE SCROLL TO ROBIN GOLDSWORTHY, SHE'S THE EDITOR OF THE
15 LOCAL PAPER IN MONTROSE AND LA CRESCENTA. ROBIN?

16

17 **ROBIN GOLDSWORTHY:** THANK YOU. THIS IS REALLY AN HONOR FOR US
18 AND I APPRECIATE IT AND I DO HOPE EVERYBODY REMEMBERS TO PUT
19 THEIR FLAG OUT AND GIVE GLORY TO OLD GLORY. THANK YOU.

20

21 **VITO CANELLA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, DO
24 YOU STILL HAVE MORE? OKAY.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JUNE 15 IS ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY, WHICH
2 WAS INITIATED BACK IN JUNE 2006 TO BROADCAST THIS EPIDEMIC
3 THAT CHALLENGES EVERY COMMUNITY. ELDER ABUSE CAN BE --
4 PREVENTION -- CAN BE PREVENTED WITH EDUCATION. IN OUR COUNTY
5 WE HAVE 186 SENIOR AND COMMUNITY CENTERS WHERE ELDERS ARE
6 EDUCATED AND EMBRACED. WE HAVE THE ELDER ABUSE FORENSIC
7 CENTER. I WAS PROUD TO INTRODUCE THE HOTLINE, THE ELDER ABUSE
8 HOTLINE WHERE PEOPLE CAN CALL TO GET IMMEDIATE ATTENTION AND
9 GET IT RESOLVED THAT INCLUDES THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,
10 THE DEPARTMENT OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 MENTAL HEALTH, THE SHERIFF AND OTHERS. THESE PROFESSIONALS ARE
12 DEVELOPING STANDARDS FOR CASE INTERVENTION METHODS. THE ELDER
13 ABUSE FORENSIC CENTER'S RESEARCH TEAM IS HEADED BY THE
14 U.S.C.'S DR. KATE WILBUR, WHO WAS AWARDED A NATIONAL INSTITUTE
15 OF JUSTICE GRANT TO RESEARCH ITS EFFECTIVENESS. OUR COUNTY'S
16 ELDER ABUSE FORENSIC CENTER IS BEING STUDIED IN OTHER STATES
17 AND COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ENGLAND AND JAPAN, RAISING AWARENESS
18 OF MISTREATMENT OF OLDER PERSONS IS AN ONGOING EFFORT, NOT
19 LIMITED TO JUST ONE DAY. SO WE WANT TO GIVE THIS SCROLL TO
20 CYNTHIA BANKS, OUR DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES
21 [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **CYNTHIA BANKS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THE BOARD
24 MEMBERS. ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES IS A PASSIONATE ADVOCATE
25 FOR BOTH ELDERS AND THE DISABLED ADULTS. THE GOAL OF ADULT



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1 PROTECTIVE SERVICES IS TO STOP ABUSE AND SAVE LIVES. ELDER
2 ABUSE ATTACKS ALL SOCIOECONOMIC LEVELS. IN JUNE 2006, WORLD
3 ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY WAS INITIATED AND BROADCAST
4 THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. IN FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 IN LOS ANGELES
5 COUNTY THERE WERE OVER 26,000 ELDER ABUSE CASES OPENED UNDER
6 THE OVERSIGHT OF DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES.
7 ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES SOCIAL WORKERS ARE OFTEN THE FIRST
8 RESPONDERS, STEPPING INTO THE HOMES OF ELDERS AND DEPENDENT
9 ADULTS TO HEAR THEM DESCRIBE ABUSE WHICH MAY BE PHYSICAL,
10 FINANCIAL OR EMOTIONAL. THE SOCIAL WORKERS LEAD THAT PERSON,
11 GIVING THEM A SENSE OF COMFORT AND HOPE. WE THANK YOU TODAY
12 FOR NOT ONLY HONORING OUR SOCIAL WORKERS BUT ALSO HONORING
13 THOSE WHO HAVE FELL VICTIM TO THIS HEINOUS CRIME. THANK YOU.
14 [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE LITTLE TRIxie WHO IS A TERRIER
17 MIX. SHE'S FOUR WEEKS OLD. MISS TRIxie WITH THE RED BOWS.
18 LOOKING FOR A HOME. YOU COULD CALL 562-728-4644. AND LITTLE
19 TRIxie WILL BRING JOY AND HAPPINESS TO YOUR HOME. RIGHT
20 TRIxie? LOOK OVER HERE. LOOK AT HIM. LOOK AT PRETTY SACHI.
21 LOOK AT SACHI. WANT TO GO TO VENTURA COUNTY?

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE
24 ANY PRESENTATIONS? SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LET ME INVITE THE FOLKS WHO ARE
2 HERE IN RECOGNITION OF REFUGEE AWARENESS MONTH TO JOIN ME UP
3 HERE. ALL RIGHT. WHILE THEY ARE COMING UP LET ME JUST MAKE
4 THIS PRESENTATION. THROUGHOUT THE WORLD DUE TO POLITICAL,
5 RELIGIOUS OR OTHER SOCIAL ISSUES, REFUGEES ARE FORCED TO FLEE
6 THEIR COUNTRIES TO FIND FREEDOM, ECONOMIC SECURITY, AND
7 PROTECTION FROM VIOLENCE AND PERSECUTION. REFUGEES AND THEIR
8 FAMILIES SETTLE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, MANY OF THEM DO, TO
9 START NEW LIVES FREE OF PERSECUTION, TORTURE AND IMPRISONMENT.
10 OUR COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC
11 HEALTH WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LOCAL REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT
12 AGENCIES, REFUGEE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND
13 L.A. COUNTY REFUGEE FORUM MEMBERS TO INSURE REFUGEES AND THEIR
14 FAMILIES RECEIVE THE NECESSARY SUPPORT DURING THEIR ARRIVAL
15 AND RESETTLEMENT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE PARTNER AGENCIES
16 PROVIDING THESE SPECIALIZED SERVICES INCLUDE THE AFRICAN
17 COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER, CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF LOS ANGELES,
18 INTERFAITH REFUGEE AND IMMIGRATION SERVICE, INTERNATIONAL
19 INSTITUTE OF LOS ANGELES, INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE,
20 JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES, WORLD RELIEF, THE ARMENIAN RELIEF
21 SOCIETY, JEWISH VOCATIONAL SERVICES, AND COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT
22 SERVICES. THE BOARD WANTS TO COMMEND D.P.S.S. AND THE
23 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ALL OF THE AGENCIES IN
24 PROVIDING THESE VITAL SERVICES TO REFUGEES DURING THEIR
25 ADJUSTMENT TO THE AMERICAN WORKPLACE AND LIFESTYLE. THIS



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1 PROCLAMATION TODAY DECLARES REFUGEE AWARENESS MONTH IN JUNE OF
2 2012. WE WANT TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE PLIGHT OF REFUGEES,
3 ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO COME TO OUR COMMUNITY AND RECOGNIZE THOSE
4 WHO ASSIST THEM IN INTEGRATING INTO OUR SOCIETY. SO, SHERYL,
5 IF I CAN GIVE THIS TO YOU AND YOU CAN SAY A FEW WORDS. IT'S A
6 PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU HERE. AND THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT THE
7 AGENCIES HERE REPRESENTED DO AND ALL OF OUR DEPARTMENTS, AS
8 WELL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **SHERYL SPILLER:** THANK YOU. AS ACTING DIRECTOR FOR THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, I'D LIKE TO JOIN THE
12 CHAIR, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, AND THE ENTIRE BOARD IN
13 CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF REFUGEES WHO HAVE SETTLED IN
14 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. D.P.S.S. WORKS WITH THE MULTIPLE COMMUNITY
15 PARTNERS, INCLUDING THE REFUGEE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM SERVICE
16 PROVIDERS TO ASSIST REFUGEES AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THE PURSUIT
17 OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY. OUR EMPLOYMENT, REFUGEE EMPLOYMENT
18 PROGRAM, WE SERVE OVER 2400 REFUGEES. AND LAST FISCAL YEAR
19 ALONE, UP TILL APRIL, WE ACTUALLY HELPED 1100 REFUGEES FIND
20 EMPLOYMENT. SO TODAY WE HONOR AND CONGRATULATE OUR COMMUNITY
21 PARTNERS WHO WE HAVE HERE TODAY AND FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND
22 THEIR COMMITMENT TO SERVING REFUGEES AND THEIR FAMILIES. THANK
23 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. FIRST OF ALL, CAN WE
2 ASK THE CONVERSATION IN THE ROOM TO CALM DOWN HERE SO WE CAN
3 HEAR OURSELVES. THANK YOU. BEFORE WE GET TO THE SET ITEM, I
4 WANT TO JUST CALL THE PUBLIC COMMENT ITEMS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE
5 ASKED TO BE HEARD ON MULTIPLE ITEMS. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO ASK
6 THE BOARD TODAY TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF RAY BRADBURY, WHO
7 PASSED AWAY LAST NIGHT. ALL MEMBERS. RAY BRADBURY IS A
8 LEGENDARY AUTHOR AND A GREAT CITIZEN OF LOS ANGELES. I MET HIM
9 THE FIRST TIME WHEN I WAS FIRST RUNNING FOR OFFICE IN 1975. HE
10 LIVED IN MY DISTRICT. I KNOCKED ON HIS DOOR WHEN I WAS WALKING
11 PRECINCTS. AND I SAID ARE YOU "THE" RAY BRADBURY. AND HE WAS.
12 HE INVITED ME INTO HIS HOUSE. WE HAD A NICE CHAT. I'M NOT SURE
13 I GOT HIS VOTE, BUT WE HAD A NICE CHAT. HE WAS A VERY
14 CREATIVE, VISIONARY PERSON, BUT ALSO A VERY PRAGMATIC ONE AND
15 DID A LOT HERE IN LOS ANGELES AND OF COURSE INFLUENCED PEOPLE
16 THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. SO WE ALL ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RAY
17 BRADBURY. LET ME CALL ON MR. ERIC PREVEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
18 WHO ASKED TO BE HEARD ON ITEM S-1, 1, 15, 16, 75, 81, 86-C AND
19 86-D. DR. CLAVREUL WHO IS HERE, I BELIEVE, WHO HAS ASKED TO BE
20 HEARD ON 14, 19 AND 83 AND 32. AND ARNOLD SACHS WHO'S ASKED TO
21 BE HEARD ON ITEM 1-D, 2-D, 1-H, 9, 14, 24, 48, 86-C AND 86-D.
22 MR. PREVEN GO AHEAD.

23

24 **ERIC PREVEN:** MY NAME IS ERIC PREVEN AND I AM THE COUNTY
25 RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. BUT OF COURSE, I WAS INTERESTED IN



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1 HEARING THE S-1 PRESENTATION SO I WILL DECLINE TO SPEAK ON
2 THAT NOW AND I HAVE NOT HEARD THE S-2 PRESENTATION, BUT I WILL
3 DECLINE TO SPEAK ON IT. I MEAN, THAT ONE IS VERY SIMPLE. THAT
4 IS AN UPDATE.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S YOUR CALL.

7

8 **ERIC PREVEN:** I UNDERSTAND. IT'S AN UPDATE ON OUR HOSPITALS.
9 AND THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY IS WELL ABOVE OUR GOAL. AND I
10 WOULD ASK THAT WE LOOK AT THAT. ITEM 86-C IS -- WE ARE
11 ANNOUNCING THAT MR. JOHN KRATTLI, THE ACTING COUNTY COUNSEL,
12 IS STEPPING INTO THE POSITION OF COUNTY COUNSEL FOR \$275,000.
13 AND IT'S AN AT-WILL AGREEMENT WHICH I UNDERSTAND MEANS THE
14 BOARD CAN CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR A REPLACEMENT AND THERE'S NO
15 COMMITMENT TO MR. KRATTLI. I SUPPOSE I SUPPORT THAT. ANDREA
16 ORDIN WAS MAKING 295 IN 2010. I STILL THINK A PARADIGM SHIFT
17 IS IN ORDER ON THAT. ITEM NO. 1, WE ARE EXTENDING THE LENGTH
18 OF SERVICE REQUIREMENT FOR DON ROHRER TO WORK ON THE L.A.
19 COUNTY BEACH COMMISSION. THIS IS NOT GIVING, NAMING A
20 PROMENADE AFTER THE MAN. BUT I DON'T KNOW WHY WE CAN'T PUT
21 SOME FRESH EYES ON THIS SINCE THE MARINA IS UNDER SOME
22 INTERESTING CHANGES NOW. THE ORDINANCE CHANGES OF RECENT TIME,
23 INCLUDING TODAY, BEACHES AND HARBORS GROUP IS ADDING 67
24 POSITIONS BUT TAKING AWAY 67 POSITIONS. AND YET IF MISS HAMAI
25 AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE COULD PROVIDE A TALLY OF THE IN/OUT -



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1 - THE DOCUMENTATION IS VIRTUALLY OLD. I MEAN IT COMES FROM A
2 FORMAT THAT MUST HAVE BEEN USED IN 1942 WHEN THIS INTERNMENT
3 ISSUE THAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WILL ADDRESS LATER WAS AT
4 PLAY. WE MUST DO BETTER. ITEM NO. 14 IS THE \$90 MILLION
5 APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT FOR THE A.B.109. YOU KNOW, THIS IS 50
6 OF IT IS GOING TO THE SHERIFF. THAT'S 50 MILLION AND 20 IS
7 GOING TO PROBATION. AND MUCH LESS IS GOING TO GO TO MENTAL
8 HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES AND VERY LITTLE OF THAT IS GOING TO
9 BE EFFECTIVE IN OUR COMMUNITIES ASSISTING IN THIS POPULATION
10 GETTING ON THEIR FEET. THAT IS DISAPPOINTING. AND 86-D, THE
11 VERY LAST ITEM OF THE DAY, WHICH WAS ADDED SUPPLEMENTALLY, IS
12 A REQUEST FOR ANOTHER \$100 MILLION TOWARD THIS PITCHESS FEMALE
13 INCARCERATION FACILITY OUT IN CASTAIC. UNFORTUNATELY THIS IS,
14 OF COURSE, MONEY WE ARE GOING TO NEED TO DEPLOY. I'M CONCERNED
15 AT THE TIMELINE WHICH HAS THE BOARD'S NEXT ACTION IN THE
16 MIDDLE OF 2013 ON THAT. I KNOW WE HAVE TO DO AN E.I.R., BUT WE
17 HAVE HEARD SO MANY REPORTS FROM YOUNG ACTIVISTS IN THE
18 COMMUNITY, AND I JUST HOPE THAT MR. FUJIOKA IS GOING TO TAKE
19 THAT VERY SERIOUSLY AND NOT JUST GO BACK TO A.E.C.O.M., WHICH
20 IS THE COMPANY THAT BUILDS PRISONS. ITEM NO. 15 IS SUPERVISOR
21 KNABE IS ONCE AGAIN -- FINALLY WE ARE GOING TO APPROVE THIS
22 FEE TO CON EDISON -- NOT CON EDISON, BUT SO CAL EDISON. I'M
23 NOT SURE WHY WE HAVE DELAYED IT FOR SO MANY WEEKS. ITEM NO. 16
24 IS THE DOLLAR WE ARE GOING TO BE -- THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON
25 PARK IS ONLY CHARGING \$1 FOR PARKING WHICH IS GREAT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** TIME IS UP. GO AHEAD AND FINISH
3 YOUR SENTENCE BUT YOUR TIME IS UP.

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5 **ERIC PREVEN:** BUT THE POINT IS THAT IF WE COULD GET SOME OF
6 THESE OTHER OUTFITS LIKE THE AMERICAN GOLF CORPORATION TO --
7 THEY'RE CHARGING US 24,000 TO HAVE SOME PARKING SPACES FOR
8 D.C.F.S. EMPLOYEES.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THANK YOU, MR. PREVEN.

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12 **ERIC PREVEN:** MAYBE THEY COULD DO THAT SAME ITEM. THAT WOULD BE
13 REALLY GREAT.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DR. CLAVREUL.

16

17 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS. FIRST OF ALL, I DON'T THINK IT'S A GOOD MORNING.
21 TODAY ON THE AGENDA WE HAVE 35 ITEMS. 35 ITEMS DEALING WITH
22 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH. TO
23 RESTRICT ME TO THREE MINUTES TO DEAL WITH 35 ITEMS IS
24 RIDICULOUS. IT IS A JOKE. IT IS A SLAP IN THE FACE OF THE
25 PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DR. CLAVREUL YOU ONLY ASKED TO
3 SPEAK ON FOUR ITEMS, NOT 35.

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5 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** THAT'S CORRECT. BECAUSE IT WAS MORE
6 ITEMS I COULD SPEAK TO. AND TO DO THAT, TO HAVE 35 ITEMS AND
7 LIMIT ANYONE TO SPEAK FOR THREE MINUTES IS RIDICULOUS. AND IT
8 IS APPALLING. IT IS GETTING WORSE EVERY DAY. I GUESS WE ARE
9 GOING BACK TO THE PERIOD OF DACHAU. ON ITEM 14, A LOT OF ORGAN
10 MONEY EXCHANGE OF POSITION ON ITEM 19 WITH AN ITEM WHICH
11 REALLY CONCERN ME. IS THAT WE HAVE REMOVED THE DEPARTMENT OF
12 S.T.D. AND WE HAVE NOW THE S.T.D. COMING UNDER H.I.V. AND,
13 YES, THERE IS A LOT OF PEOPLE WITH H.I.V. WHO HAVE S.T.D., BUT
14 IT SHOULD BE A SEPARATE DEPARTMENT. AND TO HAVE ONE OF THE
15 BEST EPIDEMIOLOGISTS IN THIS COUNTRY RESPONDING TO A NON-
16 MEDICAL INDIVIDUAL IS VERY SCARY. AND IT HAS BEEN GOING FOR
17 QUITE SOMETIME. AND GOES WITH ITEM 83 BECAUSE IT WAS TIED UP
18 WITH AN ORDINANCE HAVING TO DO WITH THAT. AND S-1 YOU DIDN'T
19 CALL -- DID YOU CALL S-2?

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO. IT'S NOT 10 O'CLOCK YET.
22 SORRY. 11 O'CLOCK.

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24 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE. BUT LIKE I
25 SAID TO HAVE SO MANY ITEMS, IT IS RIDICULOUS. AND IT IS



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1 OBVIOUS NOW YOU'RE TELLING THE PEOPLE OF LOS DO NOT GIVE A
2 DAMN OF WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY. WHEN WE MEET ON TUESDAY IT IS A
3 PURE JOKE. WE ARE HERE TO GIVE AWARDS AND THAT'S FINE IF
4 THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT TO DO, SAY IT. BUT DON'T WASTE -- DON'T
5 MAKE THE PUBLIC BE THAT RESTRICTED BECAUSE THERE'S NO WAY ANY
6 INTELLIGENT INDIVIDUAL CAN DEAL WITH THOSE ITEMS.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. [APPLAUSE.]

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. RAD
11 CUNNINGHAM, IS HE HERE?

12

13 **RAD CUNNINGHAM:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS
14 RAD CUNNINGHAM. I REPRESENT COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCILS. I AM
15 HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSITION TO RELOCATE
16 HONEY'S DAYCARE CENTER FROM ITS CURRENT SITE ON TOP OF THE
17 FORMER ATHENS TANK FARM TO THE PROPOSED SITE AT 8300 SOUTH
18 VERMONT STREET. WE'VE PREPARED A LETTER FOR THE BOARD
19 DOCUMENTING OUR SUPPORT. AND AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, THE WATER
20 BOARD HAS MANDATED THAT EXXON-MOBIL CONDUCT ONGOING
21 ENVIRONMENTAL AND HUMAN HEALTH ASSESSMENTS IN REGARDS TO THE
22 CONTAMINANTS OF CONCERN AT THE FORMER ATHENS TANK FARM. THE
23 RESULTS OF THOSE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HUMAN HEALTH REPORTS HAVE
24 BEEN MIXED. THEY HAVE FOUND CONTAMINANTS OF CONCERN,
25 CARCINOGENS LIKE BENZENE AND HEXANE AND OTHER HAZARDS LIKE



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1 METHANE AT CONCENTRATIONS HIGH ENOUGH TO BE FLAMMABLE. BUT
2 IT'S DEEP ENOUGH IN THE SOIL AND NOT IN THE AIR THAT THEY'VE
3 CONCLUDED THAT IT'S NOT A HEALTH CONCERN. SO IN 2003, THE SAN
4 FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVED SOMETHING CALLED THE
5 PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLE. AND IT STATES THAT "WHEREAS THE
6 PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLE DICTATES THAT WHERE THE THREATS OF
7 SERIOUS INJURY OR IRREVERSIBLE DAMAGE TO PEOPLE OR NATURAL
8 RESOURCES EXIST, LACK OF FULL SCIENTIFIC CERTAINTY RELATING TO
9 THE CAUSE AND EFFECT SHALL NOT BE VIEWED AS SUFFICIENT REASON
10 TO POSTPONE MEASURES TO PREVENT THE DEGRADATION OF THE
11 ENVIRONMENT OR TO PROTECT HUMAN HEALTH." SO I THINK THIS IS
12 ONE SITUATION WHERE THE SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE IS NOT IN, BUT
13 THERE ARE COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT ARE AT POTENTIAL -- THAT HAVE
14 POTENTIAL TO BE EXPOSED TO THESE HARMFUL CONTAMINANTS AND
15 BETTER TO MOVE THEM NOW AND REMOVE THEM FROM THIS POTENTIAL
16 HARM THAN TO WAIT FOR THE SLOW WHEELS OF SCIENCE TO TURN AND
17 TO BRING US A CONCLUSION. SO THANK YOU, MR. THOMAS, FOR
18 SUBMITTING THIS RESOLUTION AND I HOPE IT PASSES. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. CUNNINGHAM. IS
21 ARNOLD SACHS HERE? ALL RIGHT. HE'S NOT HERE.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** [OFF MIC.] -- THAT ARE BEFORE YOU. ITEM 1-
24 D, ITEM NO. 2-D, ITEM NO. 1-H, 1, 9, 15, 16, 19, 24, 32, 48,
25 75, 81, 83 AND 86-C ARE BEFORE YOU.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MOVED BY KNABE. SECOND BY
3 RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT TIME WAS THAT CALLED FOR?
8 ALL RIGHT. LET'S TAKE UP THE S-1 ITEM. CAN I -- BEFORE WE TAKE
9 UP THE S-1 ITEM, JUST WANT A MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE ON ANOTHER
10 ITEM. NEVER MIND. GO AHEAD. GO AHEAD MARK. CHAIR RECOGNIZES
11 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SACHI, I'M HAVING DIFFICULTY HERE. THANK
14 YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, COLLEAGUES. WE ARE HERE WITH THIS SET ITEM
15 TODAY TO RECAPTURE WHAT IS ESSENTIALLY TO BE APPRECIATED AS A
16 MOMENT IN HISTORY ENVELOPED BY A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF FEAR
17 ACROSS THE NATION. THAT FEAR TRANSLATED INTO PUBLIC HYSTERIA.
18 AND THAT PUBLIC HYSTERIA TRANSLATED INTO PUBLIC POLICY. THE
19 INTERNMENT OF AMERICAN CITIZENS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY WAS NO
20 DOUBT A LOW POINT IN AMERICAN HISTORY. THE COUNTY OF LOS
21 ANGELES IN JANUARY OF 1942 CONTRIBUTED TO THAT BY A RESOLUTION
22 THAT IS ON THE BOOKS OF THIS GREAT INSTITUTION, THE COUNTY OF
23 LOS ANGELES. AND IT IS THE CONSIDERED JUDGMENT OF THIS BOARD
24 OF SUPERVISORS THAT WE SHOULD MAKE THAT MATTER RIGHT. SOMEONE
25 POSED A QUESTION: WHY NOW? THE ANSWER TO THAT IS RATHER



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1 SIMPLE. THERE IS NO STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR AN ASSAULT ON
2 THE U.S. CONSTITUTION OR THE INDIVIDUALS, THAT IS, THE
3 CITIZENS THAT IT IS, BY DEFINITION, DESIGNED TO PROTECT AND
4 DEFEND. MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE
5 LOOK FORWARD -- THIS IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO LOOK BACKWARDS. WE
6 LOOK FORWARD. BUT TO IGNORE THIS AND TO LEAVE IT AS UNFINISHED
7 BUSINESS IS ESSENTIALLY TO TRIVIALIZE IT. WE CHOOSE NOT TO
8 TRIVIALIZE THIS TRAVESTY. THERE ARE SEVERAL PERSONS TODAY WHO
9 ARE HERE TO SPEAK TO THIS OF THEIR OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE. IT
10 IS ESSENTIALLY AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO EMBRACE THE RIGHT
11 THING. I KNOW THAT WE ARE POISED TO DO PRECISELY THAT. I'M
12 PLEASED THAT THOSE FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COMMUNITY, FULLY
13 MULTIRACIAL, HAVE COME FORWARD TO AFFIRM OUR FORWARD-LOOKING
14 POSTURE TODAY. IT WOULD BE MINE TO SAY, MR. CHAIRMAN AND
15 COLLEAGUES, IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO DO THE RIGHT THING. WE HAVE
16 THE OPPORTUNITY TODAY. AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL SEIZE
17 IT. WITH THAT, MR. CHAIRMAN, MAY I ASK YOU, THEN, TO CALL
18 THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE HERE TO TESTIFY SO THAT THE MATTER CAN
19 BE DEALT WITH APPROPRIATELY.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE HAVE SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO
22 ASK TO BE HEARD IN WORKING WITH THE MAKER OF THE MOTION,
23 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, UNLESS I HEAR ANY OBJECTION I'M
24 GOING TO ASK GEORGE TAKAI TO COME FORWARD. AND GIVE HIM FOUR
25 MINUTES TO MAKE A PRESENTATION. [APPLAUSE.] AND THEN WE WILL



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1 CALL UP A NUMBER OF OTHER PEOPLE FOR A 1-MINUTE PRESENTATION,
2 AS WELL. BUT GEORGE, IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AND HAVE YOU HERE AT
3 THE BOARD. AND THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

4

5 **GEORGE TAKAI:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. AND THANK
6 YOU, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN
7 SUPPORT OF THE MOTION TO BE MADE BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-
8 THOMAS. I WAS FOUR YEARS OLD AT THE TIME OF THE BOMBING OF
9 PEARL HARBOR ON DECEMBER 7, 1941. BUT I HAVE A MEMORY THAT'S
10 SEARED INTO MY MIND FROM WHEN I HAD JUST TURNED 5 IN APRIL OF
11 1942. MY PARENTS GOT MY YOUNGER BROTHER, MY BABY SISTER AND ME
12 UP EARLY ONE MORNING, DRESSED US HURRIEDLY, AND MY BROTHER AND
13 I WERE IN THE LIVING ROOM LOOKING OUT THE FRONT WINDOW WHEN I
14 SAW TWO AMERICAN SOLDIERS WITH BAYONETS FLASHING ON THEIR
15 RIFLE COME MARCHING UP OUR DRIVEWAY, STOMP UP OUR FRONT PORCH
16 AND BANGED ON OUR FRONT DOOR. MY FATHER ANSWERED IT, AND WE
17 WERE ORDERED OUT OF OUR HOME. WE CAME OUT OF THE HOUSE. AND I
18 REMEMBER SEEING MY MOTHER CARRYING MY BABY SISTER AND A HUGE
19 DUFFEL BAG IN THE OTHER ARM. AND I SAW TEARS ROLLING DOWN HER
20 CHEEK. WE WERE LOADED ONTO A TRUCK THAT ALREADY HAD OTHER
21 JAPANESE AMERICAN FAMILIES. AND WE WERE TAKEN TO SANTA ANITA
22 RACETRACK WHERE WE WERE UNLOADED AND HERDED OVER TO THE HORSE
23 STABLES. OUR FAMILY WAS TAKEN TO ONE HORSE STALL THAT STILL
24 STANK OF HORSE MANURE AND TOLD THAT WE WERE TO STAY THERE FOR
25 A FEW MONTHS WHILE THE CAMPS WERE BEING BUILT. MY MOTHER



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1 REMEMBERS IT AS THE MOST DEGRADING, HUMILIATING EXPERIENCE SHE
2 EVER HAD IN HER LIFE. SHE DIDN'T KNOW THE OTHER HUMILIATIONS
3 THAT WERE GOING TO FOLLOW. BUT FOR ME, I REMEMBER IT AS IT WAS
4 KIND OF FUN TO SLEEP WHERE THE HORSES SLEEP. WE WERE THERE
5 FOR A FEW MONTHS. AND ONE AFTERNOON, MY FATHER CAME BACK AND
6 TOLD ME THAT WE WERE GOING ON A LONG VACATION TO A PLACE
7 CALLED ARKANSAS, WHICH SOUNDED EXOTIC TO ME. A LONG VACATION.
8 WE WERE PUT ON TRAINS WITH ARMED SOLDIERS AT BOTH ENDS OF EACH
9 CAR. AND FOR FOUR DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS WE TRAVELED TWO-THIRDS
10 OF THE WAY ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO A BARBED WIRE CAMP IN THE
11 SWAMPS OF SOUTHEASTERN ARKANSAS. I STILL REMEMBER THOSE BARBED
12 WIRE FENCES, THE TALL SENTRY TOWERS WITH THE MACHINE GUNS
13 POINTED AT US AND THE SEARCH LIGHT THAT FOLLOWED ME WHEN I
14 RAN, MADE THE MIDNIGHT RUNS TO THE LATRINE. BUT I REMEMBER
15 THOSE SEARCH LIGHTS AS BEING KIND OF NICE BECAUSE THEY LIT MY
16 WAY TO PEE. MY MEMORIES ARE THAT OF AN INNOCENT CHILD. IT IS
17 REMARKABLE HOW CHILDREN CAN ADAPT TO THE MOST ABNORMAL OF
18 CIRCUMSTANCES. IT BECAME MY NORMALITY TO LINE UP THREE TIMES A
19 DAY TO EAT IN A NOISY MESS HALL. IT BECAME NORMAL FOR ME TO GO
20 WITH MY FATHER TO BATHE IN A MASS SHOWER. AND IT BECAME NORMAL
21 FOR ME TO GO TO SCHOOL IN A BLACK TAR PAPER BARRACK AND BEGAN
22 THE SCHOOL DAY WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG. I
23 COULD SEE THE BARBED WIRE FENCE AND THE SENTRY TOWER RIGHT
24 OUTSIDE MY SCHOOLHOUSE WINDOW AS I RECITED THE WORDS "WITH
25 LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL." THE INTERNMENT EXPERIENCE IS



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1 FILLED WITH SUCH STINGING IRONIES. A YEAR INTO INTERNMENT, THE
2 GOVERNMENT REALIZED THAT THERE WAS WARTIME MANPOWER SHORTAGE,
3 AND AS SUDDENLY AS THEY ROUNDED US UP, THEY OPENED UP THE
4 MILITARY FOR SERVICE BY JAPANESE AMERICANS. AND AS ASTOUNDING
5 AS IT MAY SOUND, THOUSANDS OF YOUNG JAPANESE AMERICAN MEN AND
6 WOMEN, WENT FROM BEHIND THOSE BARBED WIRES TO SERVE IN THE
7 MILITARY OF THE UNITED STATES. THE MEN WERE PUT INTO A
8 SEGREGATED, ALL-JAPANESE AMERICAN UNIT, THE 442ND REGIMENTAL
9 COMBAT TEAM. THEY WERE SENT TO THE BATTLEFIELDS OF EUROPE.
10 THEY WERE SENT OUT ON THE MOST DANGEROUS MISSIONS. AND THEY
11 SUSTAINED THE HIGHEST COMBAT CASUALTY OF ANY UNIT OF ITS SIZE.
12 THEY FOUGHT WITH INCREDIBLE COURAGE AND BRAVERY. AND WHEN THEY
13 RETURNED AFTER THE WAR, THEY CAME BACK AS THE MOST DECORATED
14 UNIT OF THE ENTIRE SECOND WORLD WAR. THEY WERE GREETED ON THE
15 WHITE HOUSE LAWN BY PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN, WHO SAID TO THEM,
16 "YOU FOUGHT NOT ONLY THE ENEMY BUT PREJUDICE, AND YOU WON."
17 BUT THERE IS ANOTHER STINGING IRONY. THE YOUNG MEN WHO
18 PERISHED ON THOSE BLOODY BATTLEFIELDS AND THE COFFINS OF THOSE
19 YOUNG MEN THAT WAS COVERED WITH THE AMERICAN FLAG, THOSE FLAGS
20 WERE DELIVERED TO THEIR PARENTS OR THEIR WIVES, STILL IN
21 PRISON BEHIND AMERICAN BARBED WIRE FENCES. WHEN I BECAME A
22 TEENAGER AND BEGAN READING CIVICS BOOKS AND HISTORY BOOKS AND
23 LEARNING ABOUT DEMOCRACY AND OUR CONSTITUTION, I COULDN'T
24 RECONCILE MY CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE WITH WHAT I WAS READING. AND
25 I HAD MANY DISCUSSIONS WITH MY FATHER, SOME VERY INTENSE. BUT



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1 HE SUMMED IT UP BY TELLING ME THAT BOTH THE STRENGTH AND THE
2 WEAKNESS OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY IS IN THE FACT THAT IT IS A
3 PEOPLE'S DEMOCRACY AND IT CAN BE AS GREAT AS THE PEOPLE CAN
4 BE, BUT IT IS ALSO AS FALLIBLE AS PEOPLE ARE. AND EVEN TODAY
5 WE ARE REMINDED OF THAT FALLIBILITY TIME AND AGAIN. AFTER 9/11
6 AND THE GREAT UPROAR OVER THE BUILDING OF A MOSQUE JUST A FEW
7 BLOCKS FROM GROUND ZERO. OR 3,000 MILES AWAY IN TEMECULA,
8 CALIFORNIA, WE'RE REMINDED OF THAT FALLIBILITY. I'M REMINDED
9 OF THAT FALLIBILITY WHEN THERE IS STILL HEATED RESISTANCE TO
10 GIVING EQUALITY AS AMERICAN CITIZENS TO GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL
11 AND TRANSGENDER AMERICANS. I'M REMINDED OF THAT FALLIBILITY
12 WHEN THERE ARE CONTINUAL PREJUDICIAL COMMENTS MADE ABOUT
13 IMMIGRANTS TO THIS COUNTRY, IMMIGRANTS WHO MAKE THIS COUNTRY
14 WHAT IT IS. AND THAT IS WHY THIS MOTION TO BE PRESENTED BY
15 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS IS SO IMPORTANT 12 YEARS INTO
16 THE 21ST CENTURY. AND I THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, OF
17 THIS BOARD OF 2012, FOR MAKING HISTORY RIGHT SO THAT WE CAN
18 FACE THE FUTURE HAVING EXTRACTED IMPORTANT LESSONS FROM OUR
19 DEMOCRACY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, GEORGE, FOR THAT
24 MOVING TESTIMONY. LET ME CALL UP SEVERAL PEOPLE AT A TIME NOW.
25 DR. GREG KIMURA, MARK NAKAGAWA, NORIAKI ITO, AND SALAM AL-



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1 MARAYATI. IF THE FOUR OF YOU WILL COME TO THE CENTER TABLE
2 HERE. YOU ALL HAVE THE PLEASURE OF FOLLOWING THAT PRESENTATION
3 BY GEORGE TAKAI. YOU ARE DR. KIMURA?

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5 **DR. GREG KIMURA:** I AM.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU ARE. SO YOU'RE ON.

8

9 **DR. GREG KIMURA:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS DR. GREG
10 KIMURA. I AM THE PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE JAPANESE AMERICAN
11 NATIONAL MUSEUM LOCATED JUST A FEW BLOCKS AWAY IN LITTLE
12 TOKYO. AND I INVITE -- PERSONALLY INVITE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF
13 YOU AND EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM TO COME AND VISIT THE MUSEUM TO
14 LEARN ABOUT THE TRAGIC HISTORY REGARDING THE INCARCERATION OF
15 JAPANESE AMERICANS DURING WORLD WAR II, AND ALSO TO LEARN
16 ABOUT THE MANY TRIUMPHS OF THE COMMUNITY IN OVERCOMING ALL OF
17 THE CHALLENGES, RACIAL PREJUDICE AND OTHER STUMBLING BLOCKS
18 THAT STOOD IN THE WAY OF THEIR SUCCESS. IT IS IMPORTANT TO
19 REMEMBER THAT 70 YEARS AGO EXECUTIVE ORDER 9066 WAS SIGNED,
20 WHICH INCARCERATED 120,000 AMERICANS OF JAPANESE DESCENT, THE
21 GREATEST TRAVESTY AGAINST THE CONSTITUTION IN MODERN AMERICAN
22 HISTORY. AS AWFUL AS E.O. 9066 WAS, THE PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE
23 ORDER, SIMILAR ORDERS WERE ISSUED IN LEGISLATIVE BODIES AROUND
24 THE COUNTRY SUPPORTING WHAT TURNED OUT TO BE SUCH A TRAGIC
25 EXPERIENCE FOR SO MANY PEOPLE. COMMEND MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR



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1 PRESENTING THIS RESOLUTION TO RESCIND THIS ORDER FROM 1942.
2 AND I WILL REMIND FOLKS A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY THAT IN 1984,
3 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE TESTIMONY AND THE WORK OF
4 THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION ON WAR TIME RELOCATION AND
5 INTERNMENT OF CIVILIANS RECOMMENDED SUCH ACTION, A LITTLE BIT
6 LATE IN COMING. BEING A FOURTH GENERATION AMERICAN, I WISH
7 THAT SEEING THIS RESCINDING WOULD HAPPEN IN THE LIFETIME OF MY
8 GREAT GRANDFATHER, WHO LOST EVERYTHING, MY GRANDFATHER, WHO
9 PASSED AWAY AND WHO LOST EVERYTHING, AND NOW MY FATHER, WHO
10 ACTUALLY WAS BORN BEHIND BARBED WIRE IN A TAR PAPER SHACK ON
11 THE MOST INHUMANE OF CONDITIONS AND SUBHUMAN OF CONDITIONS
12 COULD BE AROUND TO SEE THE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO RIGHT A
13 TERRIBLE WRONG AND TO SEE THAT AMERICA NOT REPEAT THESE
14 MISTAKES AGAIN. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. NAKAGAWA?

17

18 **MARK NAKAGAWA:** I'M REVEREND MARK NAKAGAWA, SENIOR MINISTER OF
19 CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HERE IN LITTLE TOKYO.
20 CENTENARY METHODIST CHURCH STARTED HERE IN LITTLE TOKYO 116
21 YEARS AGO ON HEWITT STREET. AND THEN DUE TO RESTRICTIVE
22 COVENANTS AT THE TIME WAS FORCED TO MOVE TO SOUTH CENTRAL
23 L.A., WHERE IT TOOK UP RESIDENCE ON THE CORNER OF NORMANDY
24 AVENUE AND 35TH STREET FOR ABOUT 50 OR 60 YEARS. AND THEN IN
25 THE MID-80S CHOSE TO COME BACK INTO LITTLE TOKYO, INTO



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1 DOWNTOWN. WE ARE GLAD TO BE BACK AND TO BE A PART OF THIS
2 LARGER DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY. I COMMEND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
3 ON THIS MOTION AND SUPPORT IT. IN SPIRITUAL AND THEOLOGICAL
4 TERMS I CONSIDER IT AN ACT OF REPENTANCE THAT WILL LIFT THE
5 BURDEN AND THE LEGACY OF THE INTERNMENT HERE ON THIS -- IN
6 THIS JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY. I SPEAK IN TWO CONTEXTS.
7 FIRST, ON MY OWN PERSONHOOD AND THEN AS A PASTOR. PERSONALLY,
8 MY MOTHER WAS A JUNIOR AT BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL AT THE TIME OF
9 EXECUTIVE ORDER 9066. HER FAMILY WAS FORCIBLY REMOVED FROM
10 LINCOLN HEIGHTS, SPENT THREE MONTHS IN THE HORSE STALLS AT
11 SANTA ANITA RACETRACK, AND THEN FROM THERE ULTIMATELY IN THE
12 HEART MOUNTAIN INTERNMENT CAMP FOR THE DURATION OF THAT TIME.
13 IT WAS AN EXPERIENCE IN HER LIFE THAT REALLY AFFECTED HER
14 GREATLY. PERHAPS THE THING THAT I THINK ABOUT MOST OFTEN IS
15 THAT WHILE MY BROTHER, SISTER AND I WERE ABLE TO ACHIEVE
16 COLLEGE EDUCATIONS, AS HAPPY AS SHE WAS ABOUT THAT, AT BEST IT
17 MADE UP FOR A VOID IN HER LIFE THAT SHE WAS NEVER ABLE TO FILL
18 BECAUSE OF THE INTERNMENT. AS A PASTOR, I HAVE PASTORED THREE
19 HISTORICALLY JAPANESE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONS THAT HAVE PEOPLE
20 WHO WERE INTERNED OR BORN IN THESE CAMPS WHO HAD SPOUSES OR
21 FATHERS WHO SERVED IN THE FAMED 442ND REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM,
22 100TH BATTALION AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE ON THE
23 BATTLEFIELDS REPRESENTING AMERICA WHILE THEIR FAMILIES WERE
24 INTERNED BEHIND BARBED WIRE. I HAVE HEARD HEART WRENCHING
25 STORIES OF PEOPLE WHO HAD TO LIVE THROUGH THOSE TIMES AND



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1 ENDURE THOSE EXPERIENCES. CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY, I HOPE THAT
2 YOU WON'T MIND IF I SHARE WITH THE HOUSE THAT YOU ATTENDED A
3 FUNERAL SERVICE AT MY CHURCH LAST FALL FOR A CHURCH MEMBER OF
4 OURS WHO WAS YOUR MATH TEACHER AT I BELIEVE IT WAS BANCROFT
5 JUNIOR HIGH.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S RIGHT.

8

9 **MARK NAKAGAWA:** DURING YOUR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL DAYS. AND THAT
10 YOU SHARED ELOQUENTLY IN YOUR REMEMBRANCES OF HER ABOUT HOW
11 EXEMPLARY OF A MATH TEACHER SHE WAS TO YOU. BUT MAYBE MORE
12 IMPORTANTLY THAN THAT, HOW MUCH HER HUMANITY AND JUST CARE FOR
13 YOU AS A STUDENT STOOD OUT IN YOUR MIND. AND IF MEMORY SERVES
14 ME CORRECT, YOU ATTRIBUTED THOSE CHARACTERISTICS ABOUT HER TO
15 HER EXPERIENCE IN THE INTERNMENT CAMPS AS A JAPANESE AMERICAN.
16 AGAIN, I SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION THAT, IF PASSED, WILL
17 LIFT THE BURDEN OF GUILT AND SHAME FROM THIS LOCAL JAPANESE
18 AMERICAN COMMUNITY BUT JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES ALL
19 ACROSS THE COUNTRY WHO WERE FORCED TO LIVE THROUGH THIS
20 TUMULTUOUS PERIOD IN HISTORY. I COMMEND, AGAIN, SUPERVISOR
21 RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION AND ASK THE LARGER
22 BODY TO APPROVE IT. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU,
25 PASTOR. MR. ITO?



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2 **REV. NORIAKI ITO:** REVEREND NORIAKI ITO, HEAD PRIEST OF --

3 BUDDHIST TEMPLE IN LITTLE TOKYO AND ALSO THE CURRENT CHAIR OF

4 THE LOS ANGELES BUDDHIST FEDERATION. IN THE ORIGINAL

5 RESOLUTION, THERE WAS A PASSAGE THAT STATED THAT SOME 80

6 PERCENT WHO PROFESSED THE FAITH IN THE SHINTO AND BUDDHIST

7 RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS BACK THEN WERE LABELED AS BEING LOYAL TO

8 THE EMPEROR OF JAPAN, LED TO THE DRASTIC ACTION OF

9 INCARCERATING THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF OUR JAPANESE COMMUNITY,

10 MANY OF WHOM WERE CITIZENS OF JAPAN BUT WHO WERE HERE LEGALLY

11 AS IMMIGRANTS AND MANY OF THEIR CHILDREN BORN HER AND

12 LEGITIMATE AND FULL-FLEDGED AMERICAN CITIZENS. I RECENTLY

13 OFFICIATED A FUNERAL SERVICE FOR A LONGTIME MEMBER OF OUR

14 TEMPLE WHO DIED AT THE AGE OF 98. HE WAS BORN IN SAN GABRIEL

15 IN 1913. WHEN THE DECISION TO INCARCERATE JAPANESE AND

16 JAPANESE AMERICANS WAS MADE IN 1942, HE WAS ALMOST 30 YEARS

17 OLD. HE WAS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN AND HAD THE RIGHTS THAT GO

18 ALONG WITH THAT. BUT THEY WERE REVOKED SIMPLY BECAUSE HE WAS

19 OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY. THIS DID NOT HAPPEN TO GERMAN AMERICANS

20 NOR TO ITALIAN AMERICANS. IN ONE OF THE DOCUMENTS THAT

21 ACCOMPANIED THE RESOLUTION PASSED 70 YEARS AGO. IT WAS STATED

22 AS THOUSANDS OF OUR MEN ARE BEING KILLED BY THE JAPANESE, IT

23 WOULD SEEM ONLY FAIR AND LOGICAL THAT THOSE JAPANESE WHO ARE

24 LOYAL TO THE UNITED STATES WOULD UNDERSTAND THE WISDOM OF SUCH

25 ACTION AND WOULD NOT OBJECT, WHILE THOSE DISLOYAL WOULD OBJECT



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1 AND THEREBY PROVE THEIR DISLOYALTY. THIS MAN AND OTHERS LIKE
2 HIM FELT THE INJUSTICE OF HAVING THEIR RIGHTS REVOKED AND,
3 YET, WERE NOT ABLE TO OBJECT TO THE INCARCERATION BECAUSE SUCH
4 ACTION WOULD, THEREBY, PROVE THEIR DISLOYALTY. IN THE GUISE OF
5 PROTECTING THE PEOPLE OF OUR COMMUNITY, THE BARBED WIRES WERE
6 SLANTED INWARD TO PREVENT ESCAPE. THE MACHINE GUNS AND THE
7 TOWERS WERE ALSO POINTED INWARD, CLEARLY SHOWING THAT THE
8 INMATES' PROTECTION WAS NOT OF FIRST PRIORITY. THE RESCINDING
9 OF THIS RESOLUTION PASSED IN 1942 IS ANOTHER WAY THAT WE CAN
10 HONOR THEIR LEGACY AND PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANTLY A WAY TO
11 ENSURE THAT SUCH A TRAGEDY WILL NEVER OCCUR IN OUR NATION EVER
12 AGAIN. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. BEFORE I CALL ON MR.
15 SALAM AL-MARAYATI, LET ME JUST CALL THREE MORE PEOPLE DOWN AND
16 IF YOU THREE WILL MAKE ROOM FOR THEM. BRUCE EMBREY, KATHY
17 MASAOKA, AND MITCHELL MAKI. SALAM AL-MARAYATI.

18

19 **SALAM AL-MARAYATI:** THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN, THANK YOU MR.
20 RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR THIS MOTION. LET ME JUST TALK ABOUT THREE
21 THINGS. FIRST, OUR BIGGEST STRENGTH IN AMERICA IS EACH OTHER.
22 OUR BIGGEST WAY IN TERMS OF PREVENTING ANY KIND OF HYSTERIA
23 AND CATASTROPHIC EVENT FROM HAPPENING IS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.
24 AND AFTER 9/11, OUR BIGGEST STRENGTH FOR THE MUSLIM AMERICAN
25 COMMUNITY WAS THE JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY. JAPANESE



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1 AMERICANS LITERALLY, POLITICALLY AND FIGURATIVELY WERE OUR
2 ONLY DEFENSE AGAINST HYSTERIA AND PREJUDICE. SO I AM HERE TO
3 SALUTE THE JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY. I CANNOT TELL YOU
4 ENOUGH HOW MUCH LOVE, HOW MUCH SUPPORT, HOW MUCH ADMIRATION I
5 HAVE BEEN FEELING FOR THE LAST 12 YEARS FOR THEIR COURAGEOUS
6 STAND FOR WHAT HAPPENED SEVEN YEARS AGO AND WHAT'S HAPPENING
7 TODAY. SO LET ME JUST SAY THREE THINGS. NUMBER 1, THIS
8 RESOLUTION IS ABOUT THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE, NOT JUST ABOUT
9 THE PAST. IT IS ABOUT OUR CONSTITUTION. IT IS ABOUT OUR
10 PLURALISM. WHEN THERE IS INTERNMENT OF A PEOPLE, IT IS KILLING
11 OUR CULTURE, IT IS KILLING OUR AMERICAN PLURALISM. NO. 2,
12 THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE DEMONSTRATING THEIR PATRIOTISM
13 IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE ON THE FRONTLINES OF THWARTING PLOTS
14 FROM AL-QAEDA. THEY ARE NOT KNOWN. AND YET THERE IS PROFILING
15 TODAY. THAT LEADS ME TO NUMBER 3. UNLESS WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT
16 OUR CONSTITUTION, WE WILL ALLOW PREJUDICE AND HYSTERIA TO BIAS
17 OUR PUBLIC POLICY. THERE IS STILL CLAUSES IN OUR LAW THAT
18 ALLOW FOR INDEFINITE DETENTION OF AMERICANS. THERE IS STILL
19 RACIAL PROFILING THAT IS TAKING PLACE. AND SO LET US CHERISH
20 OUR TOGETHERNESS AND HAVE A SACRED DUTY FOR EACH OTHER. AS
21 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SAID, "IF WE COMPROMISE OUR CIVIL LIBERTIES
22 FOR NATIONAL SECURITY, WE DESERVE NEITHER." SO I'M HERE TO
23 REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT FOR EACH OTHER, OUR SACRED DUTY TO
24 PROTECT EACH OTHER, NOT SO THAT WE JUST BE TRUE AMERICANS, BUT
25 ALSO TO BE TRUE HUMAN BEINGS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] BRUCE
3 EMBREY?

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5 **BRUCE EMBREY:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. TODAY THE COUNTY BOARD
6 CAN MAKE AN IMPORTANT STEP TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT BY
7 RESCINDING ITS SUPPORT OF THE INCARCERATION OF THE NIKKEI
8 PEOPLE SOME 70 YEARS AGO. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR THOMAS,
9 RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR TAKING THIS ON. 2012 IS THE 70TH YEAR SINCE
10 OUR FAMILIES WERE UPROOTED, EVICTED FROM THEIR HOMES AND
11 BUSINESSES, ROUNDED UP BY THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED
12 STATES AND PLACED BEHIND BARBED WIRE IN SOME OF THE MOST
13 UNFORGIVING PLACES IN THIS COUNTRY. THIS PAST APRIL 28,
14 MANZANAR COMMUNITY NOTED THIS AWKWARD ANNIVERSARY AT OUR 43RD
15 ANNUAL MANZANAR PILGRIMAGE. SOME 1,300 PEOPLE HEARD FIRSTHAND
16 ACCOUNTS OF THE IMPACT EXECUTIVE ORDER 9066 HAD ON OUR
17 COMMUNITY AND ACTUALLY TOURED THE REMNANTS OF ONE OF AMERICA'S
18 CONCENTRATION CAMPS. TODAY THE NIKKEI COMMUNITY HAS RECEIVED A
19 PRESIDENTIAL APOLOGY, AND MANY NOW KNOW THAT RACISM AND
20 ECONOMIC GREED WERE THE BASIS FOR THIS INCARCERATION. AND
21 WHILE IT WAS PRIMARILY THE VERY PEOPLE WHO WERE INCARCERATED
22 SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY LOOKED LIKE THE ENEMY, WE CANNOT FORGET
23 THOSE THAT STOOD WITH US AND FOUGHT SHOULDER TO SHOULDER TO
24 RIGHT THIS WRONG. HERE IN LOS ANGELES, WE CANNOT FORGET THE
25 LATE, GREAT MAYOR TOM BRADLEY AND CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY WHO



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1 ACTIVELY CAMPAIGNED, ALONG WITH MY MOTHER, SUE KUNITONI
2 EMBREY, TO ESTABLISH THE MANZANAR NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE. IT
3 BUILT A WORLD CLASS INTERPRETIVE CENTER RUN BY THE NATIONAL
4 PARK SERVICE ON THE GROUNDS OF THE OLD CONCENTRATION CAMP. TO
5 INSURE THIS NEVER HAPPENS AGAIN, WE MUST SPEAK OUT AGAINST ALL
6 FORMS OF RACIAL PROFILING, ESPECIALLY THAT DIRECTED AGAINST
7 THE MUSLIM AMERICAN COMMUNITY. IT IS OUR DUTY AS AMERICANS,
8 AMERICANS WHO WERE ONCE DEPRIVED OF OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS,
9 TO REAFFIRM THE FUNDAMENTAL DEMOCRATIC NATURE OF OUR COUNTRY
10 SO THAT NO PEOPLE WILL EVER BE DENIED THEIR CIVIL LIBERTIES
11 FOR ANY REASON. WE CANNOT FORGET E.O. 9066. AMERICA MUST NOT
12 FORGET. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, BRUCE. YOUR
15 MOTHER WAS A GREAT INSPIRATION TO ALL OF US WHO HAD THE
16 PRIVILEGE OF WORKING WITH HER. SHE SERVED THE CITY WELL, BUT
17 MORE IMPORTANTLY SHE SERVED HUMANITY. AND THE APPLE DOESN'T
18 FALL FAR FROM THE TREE.

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20 **BRUCE EMBREY:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** KATHY MASAOKA?

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24 **KATHY MASOAKA:** MY NAME IS KATHY MASAOKA. I'M CO-CHAIR OF THE
25 NIKKEI FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND REDRESS, OR N.C.R.R. AS A THIRD



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1 GENERATION JAPANESE AMERICAN OR SANSE, I AM REALLY PROUD OF
2 THE STRENGTH OF OUR COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY THE FIRST AND SECOND
3 GENERATION WHO WERE ABLE TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES AND OUR
4 COMMUNITY AFTER COMING OUT OF THE CAMPS IN 1945. I'M ALSO VERY
5 PROUD OF OUR FIGHTING SPIRIT, WHEN OVER 150 PEOPLE TESTIFIED
6 HERE IN L.A. IN 1981 ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES IN AMERICA'S
7 CONCENTRATION CAMP. AND I USE THAT WORD DELIBERATELY.
8 COMMENDABLY, SUPERVISOR THEN ED EDELMAN TESTIFIED IN SUPPORT
9 OF REDRESS FOR JAPANESE AMERICANS. I AM ALSO PROUD OF
10 ORGANIZATIONS AND OUR COUNTRY FOR WAGING A GRASSROOTS CAMPAIGN
11 TO FINALLY WIN REDRESS IN 1988 WHEN THE GOVERNMENT FINALLY
12 APOLOGIZED AND ADMITTED THAT IT COMMITTED A WRONG AND
13 LEGISLATED MONETARY COMPENSATION. IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO
14 ACKNOWLEDGE A WRONG AND TO APOLOGIZE. THE JANUARY 1942
15 RESOLUTION BY THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SENT A
16 CHILLING MESSAGE TO NOT ONLY JAPANESE AMERICANS BUT TO THE
17 WHOLE CITIZENRY OF LOS ANGELES WHEN IT ENDORSED THE EVACUATION
18 OF JAPANESE AMERICANS AND JUDGING PEOPLE'S LOYALTY BY THE
19 COLOR OF THEIR SKIN AND BY THEIR RELIGION, ABANDONING TOTALLY
20 THE RIGHTS THAT THE CONSTITUTION ENDORSES. I'M SURE THE IMPACT
21 OF THE MESSAGE WAS FELT DEEPLY AND PAINFULLY BY JAPANESE
22 AMERICANS WHO CONTINUED TO FACE SUSPICION AND HARASSMENT AND
23 BY THE LOSS OF ANY JOBS. AND IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW, DR. TOM
24 WATANABE TESTIFIED IN 1981 THAT ALL OF THE MEDICAL STAFF,
25 RECEPTION, MEDICAL PEOPLE, DOCTORS, WERE FIRED ON ONE DAY'S



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1 NOTICE AT THE COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL IN LOS ANGELES. THIS
2 RESOLUTION CAN SEND A NEW MESSAGE THAT WAR HYSTERIA AND RACIAL
3 PREJUDICE SHOULD NEVER ALLOWED TO DETERMINE WHO WE TRUST AND
4 HOW WE JUDGE PEOPLE AND IT SHOULD NEVER BE A REASON TO DENY
5 PEOPLE THEIR RIGHTS. WE FULLY SUPPORT THE RESCISSION OF THE
6 RESOLUTION FROM 1942 AND HOPE THAT IT WILL GUIDE THE COUNTY
7 AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONTINUE TO DO THE RIGHT THING
8 AND TO NEVER ALLOW OTHER PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY MUSLIM AMERICANS
9 AND OTHER AMERICANS TODAY TO FACE HARASSMENT AND
10 DISCRIMINATION. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. BEFORE MR. MAKI,
13 BEFORE YOU START, LET ME CALL UP BILL WATANABE, DONALD NOSE?
14 AND ROSE OCHI. MR. MAKI.

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16 **MITCHELL MAKI:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MITCHELL
17 MAKI, AND I AM THE VICE PROVOST OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OF
18 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AT DOMINGUEZ HILLS AND I'M ALSO A
19 SCHOLAR WHO HAS STUDIED THE JAPANESE AMERICAN REDRESS
20 MOVEMENT. WARTIME HYSTERIA, RACIAL PREJUDICE, AND A FAILURE OF
21 POLITICAL LEADERSHIP. THESE WERE TERMS THAT WERE USED BY A
22 FEDERAL COMMISSION TO DESCRIBE THE CONTEXT IN WHICH THE
23 DECISION TO INCARCERATE 120,000 AMERICANS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY
24 WAS MADE. I DON'T NEED TODAY TO BELABOR THE POINT THAT THE
25 CAMPS WERE WRONG, BUT I'D LIKE TO SHARE A VERY BRIEF STORY



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1 WITH YOU. IN THE EARLY '80S THE COMMISSION ON WAR TIME
2 RELOCATION AND INTERNMENT OF CIVILIANS CAME TO LOS ANGELES.
3 AND WHEN THEY CAME HERE, A MAN BY THE NAME OF KIOSHI SINODA
4 TESTIFIED. KIOSHI SINODA WAS A DENTIST. AND HE TESTIFIED THAT
5 BECAUSE HE HAD MEDICAL TRAINING HE WAS PUT IN THE INFIRMARY AT
6 THE CAMP THAT HE WAS LOCATED. HE DESCRIBED HIS FIRST PATIENT.
7 A YOUNG DEHYDRATED INFANT. AND UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, DR.
8 SINODA WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TREAT THAT CHILD AND MAKE HIM
9 WELL. BUT BECAUSE HE DIDN'T HAVE THE PROPER SUPPLIES, ALL HE
10 COULD DO WAS HOLD THAT CHILD IN HIS HANDS AND FEEL ITS LAST
11 TWITCH BEFORE HE DIED. AND AS DR. SINODA TESTIFIED AND TOLD
12 THIS STORY, HE HAD TEARS STREAMING DOWN HIS FACE. AND IN THAT
13 AUDIENCE HIS WIFE SAT THERE IN AMAZEMENT AND SAID KIOSHI IS
14 CRYING. KIOSHI DOESN'T CRY. KIOSHI DIDN'T EVEN CRY AT HIS OWN
15 FATHER'S FUNERAL. BUT ON THAT DAY IN THE EARLY 1980S HERE IN
16 LOS ANGELES DR. SINODA DID CRY. AND A COMMUNITY AND A NATION
17 CRIED WITH HIM. TODAY, AS STEWARDS OF OUR FINE COUNTY OF LOS
18 ANGELES, YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATONE FOR THE ROLE THAT
19 LOS ANGELES COUNTY PLAYED IN SUPPORTING THAT CONSTITUTIONAL
20 VIOLATION IN THE 1940S. I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO APPROVE THIS
21 MOTION AND TO SEND A MESSAGE TO ALL AMERICANS THAT WE AS A
22 NATION AND WE AS A COUNTY ARE STRONG ENOUGH, ARE MATURE ENOUGH
23 AND ARE SENSITIVE ENOUGH TO BE COMMITTED TO OUR VALUES THAT
24 ARE WRITTEN IN THE CONSTITUTION. APPROVE THIS MOTION AND LET
25 ALL AMERICANS KNOW THAT YOU HEAR AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE TEARS OF



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1 KIOSHI SINODA AND ALL AMERICANS WHO TREASURE THE CONSTITUTION.
2 THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. BILL WATANABE.

5 [APPLAUSE.]

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7 **BILL WATANABE:** YES. MY NAME IS BILL WATANABE. I'M EXECUTIVE
8 DIRECTOR OF THE LITTLE TOKYO SERVICE CENTER. AND BEFORE I
9 START, LET ME JUST EXPRESS MY CONGRATULATIONS TO SUPERVISORS
10 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
11 FOR YOUR SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGNS. I WAS BORN IN MANZANAR, AND MY
12 FAMILY, THEY WERE TAKEN FROM THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. SO WE
13 WERE PUT INTO MANZANAR, WHERE I WAS BORN. I READ THE
14 RESOLUTION BACK IN 1942 YESTERDAY, AND I HAVE TO SAY THAT IT
15 WOULD BE COMICAL IF IT WEREN'T SO TRAGIC IN TERMS OF WHAT IT
16 SAID AND SOME OF THE LOGIC AND THINKING THAT WENT INTO IT.
17 THERE WAS A PARAGRAPH IN HERE THAT SAYS THAT "WHEREAS IT IS
18 DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN LOYAL AND
19 DISLOYAL JAPANESE ALIENS, THEREFORE..." NOW, YOU WOULD THINK
20 THAT IT'S PRETTY HARD TO DISTINGUISH WHO'S LOYAL AND DISLOYAL
21 OF ANY GROUP JUST BY LOOKING AT THEM. AND SO THEIR SOLUTION
22 WAS WELL SINCE WE CAN'T TELL, LET'S ROUND THEM ALL UP AND PUT
23 THEM AWAY. SO I THINK WE'VE COME A LOT FURTHER SINCE THEN, BUT
24 THAT WAS ONE LOGIC. THE OTHER LOGIC WAS THAT IF YOU OBJECTED
25 TO THIS, IF YOU STOOD FOR YOUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, THAT



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1 PROVES YOU MUST BE DISLOYAL. AND WHEN YOU JUST LOOK AT THAT,
2 TO ME IT'S KIND OF FUNNY BUT IT'S ALSO VERY TRAGIC. SO I WOULD
3 WANT TO COMMEND THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF TAKING THIS
4 ON AND TO MAKE CHANGES BECAUSE IT HAS TO BE RESCINDED. IT HAS
5 TO BE DISAVOWED THAT THIS KIND OF THINKING CANNOT EXIST IN THE
6 GREAT COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WHICH TAKES PRIDE IN ITS OWN
7 DIVERSITY SO THAT NO MATTER WHETHER YOU WEAR A TURBAN OR A
8 HOODY OR WHATEVER GROUP YOU'RE FROM, YOUR RIGHTS WILL ALWAYS
9 BE RESPECTED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DONALD IS IT NOSE?

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13 **DONALD NOSE:** NOSE. THANK YOU. MY NAME IS DONALD NOSE, I'M THE
14 PRESIDENT OF THE GO FOR BROKE NATIONAL EDUCATION CENTER. AND
15 THANK YOU, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, FOR PRESENTING THIS MOTION
16 AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, I CONGRATULATE YOU FOR INSURING THAT
17 THIS MOTION GOT BEFORE THE FLOOR. AS GEORGE TAKAI MENTIONED, I
18 REPRESENT A LOT OF THE JAPANESE AMERICAN WORLD WAR II VETERANS
19 THAT SERVED WITH SUCH NOBLE AND HEROIC FORM ON BEHALF OF THIS
20 COUNTRY. I THINK HE MENTIONED THAT MANY NUMBERS OF THEM
21 VOLUNTARILY CAME OUT OF THE CAMPS, VOLUNTEERED FOR SELECTIVE
22 SERVICE IN SEGREGATED FIGHTING UNITS AND WENT ON TO BECOME THE
23 MOST HIGHLY MOST DECORATED UNITES FOR THEIR SIZE AND LENGTH OF
24 SERVICE IN MILITARY HISTORY. I THINK ANOTHER FOOTNOTE RELATED
25 TO THEIR BRAVERY IS THE FACT THAT THEY'VE ALSO BEEN AWARDED 21



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1 MEDALS OF HONOR. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THEIR RECORD IN TERMS OF
2 MILITARY HISTORY, IN TERMS OF THEIR AWARDING OF THOSE 21
3 MEDALS OF HONOR, YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT IN HISTORY THOSE MEDALS
4 HAVE BEEN AWARDED AT THE RATE OF 1/10 OF 1 PERCENT. AND WHEN
5 YOU LOOK AT THESE MEDALS THEY WERE AWARDED AT A RATE OF 4
6 PERCENT OF THE OVERALL POPULATION THAT SERVED. SO, AGAIN,
7 ANOTHER INDICATION OF THEIR HEROISM. I APPLAUD THE MOTION. IT
8 REALLY WRONGS A LONG OVERDUE RIGHT. RIGHTS A LONG OVERDUE
9 WRONG. AND THIS MOTION, ALONG WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER THINGS
10 THAT HAVE HAPPENED IN THE COMMUNITY OF LATE I THINK ARE REALLY
11 IMPORTANT AND I WANT TO JUST HIGHLIGHT A FEW OF THEM. ONE IS
12 IN NOVEMBER, THE VETERANS WERE AWARDED THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD
13 MEDAL, THE HIGHEST CIVILIAN HONOR THAT CAN BE AWARDED IN THIS
14 COUNTRY. AND AGAIN A RECOGNITION OF THEIR BRAVERY AND SERVICE.
15 I THINK ALSO IN THIS COMMUNITY OF LATE, THERE'S BEEN A NUMBER
16 OF SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES AWARDING OF HONORARY DEGREES TO
17 MANY OF THE JAPANESE AMERICANS THAT WERE NOT ALLOWED TO
18 COMPLETE THEIR EDUCATIONS. AGAIN, RIGHTING A WRONG AND AN
19 INJUSTICE. WHAT I WILL SAY IS THAT IN AGGREGATE IT HAS CREATED
20 A HEALING PROCESS FOR THE COMMUNITY. AND I APPLAUD THIS EFFORT
21 BECAUSE I BELIEVE IT WILL SIMILARLY CREATE A HEALING EFFORT
22 WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. I WANTED TO JUST TAKE A BRIEF MOMENT TO
23 GIVE YOU AN INDICATION OF WHAT THE IMPLICATIONS OF
24 INCARCERATION ARE FOR A COMMUNITY AND GIVE YOU A PERSONAL
25 EXAMPLE WITHIN MY FAMILY. TO THIS DAY, MY UNCLE AND MY OWN



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1 MOTHER STILL HAVE NIGHTMARES ABOUT THE INCARCERATION PROCESS.
2 IN FACT, MY UNCLE, WHENEVER HE IS CONFRONTED IN AN AGITATED
3 STATE DEFAULTS TO SAYING THINGS LIKE "NO JAPS, NO JAPS" WHICH
4 TO ME IS AN INDICATION OF HOW HE FELT AND HOW HE WAS
5 CONFRONTED DURING THIS TIME OF TURMOIL IN THIS COUNTRY. MY
6 MOTHER HAS GONE INTO SEVERAL BANKS OF LATE LOOKING FOR HER
7 BANK ACCOUNTS, UNDERSTANDING THAT SHE FEELS THAT SHE SHOULD
8 HAVE BANK ACCOUNTS AND SHE CAN'T SEEM TO FIND THEM BECAUSE, AS
9 YOU KNOW, THE ASSETS OF THE JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY WERE
10 FROZEN. SO THESE ARE JUST KIND OF THE LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF
11 WHAT THESE KINDS OF ACTIONS HAD ON THIS COMMUNITY. I JUST
12 WANTED YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE RESCINDING IT WILL GO A LONG
13 WAY TOWARDS HEALING SOME OF THESE WRONGS. I KNOW FOR OTHER
14 GENERATIONS, I HAVE A SENSE OF HEALING WHEN I HEAR THESE KINDS
15 OF MOTIONS BEING MADE AND I REALLY SUPPORT THEM, SO THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ROSE OCHI.

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19 **ROSE OCHI:** THANK YOU. ROSE OCHI.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ROSE OF BEFORE YOU START, LET ME
22 ASK THE LAST TWO SPEAKERS, KENNY INOUE, AND JONATHAN KAJI TO
23 JOIN US.

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1 **ROSE OCHI:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR YOUR
2 INVITATION TO SPEAK. OVER THE YEARS, THE BOARD HAS SUPPORTED
3 THE JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS
4 REGARDING THE WARTIME TRAVESTY OF JUSTICE. LAST SUNDAY, I WAS
5 AT SANTA ANITA RACETRACK. IT WAS MY THIRD TIME. THE FIRST TIME
6 WHEN I WAS A YOUNG CHILD WHEN WE WERE ROUNDED UP AND CORRALLED
7 TO LIVE IN HORSE STABLES OVER SEVERAL MONTHS AT THE OUTBREAK
8 OF WORLD WAR II. LATER, WE WERE RAILROADED TO ARKANSAS, WHERE
9 WE SPENT THREE YEARS. MY FIRST DAY IN SCHOOL, MY TEACHER
10 RENAMED ME. MY MOTHER HAD GIVEN ME A FINE NAME IS TAKAIO,
11 WHICH MEANS A CHILD WITH HIGH IDEALS. BUT MY ARKANSAS TEACHER
12 DECIDED TO GIVE ME AN AMERICAN NAME, ROSE. AS YEARS PASSED, I
13 FEEL AT LEAST THANKFUL THAT I DIDN'T GET PETUNIA. [LAUGHTER.]
14 BUT LET ME TELL YOU THAT WHEN YOU ARE NOT CONSIDERED A REAL
15 AMERICAN AND YOU COME TO FEEL LIKE YOU'RE AN OUTSIDER, IT CAN
16 BE VERY DAMAGING TO A YOUNG CHILD. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THAT
17 BEING CONSIDERED AN OUTSIDE HAS HELPED ME IN MY LIFE AS BEING
18 SOMEONE WHO CHALLENGES INJUSTICES. MY PARENTS, WHEN WE WERE
19 RELEASED, WERE SUBJECT TO DEPORTATION. AND IT WAS CIVIL RIGHTS
20 LAWYERS WHO OVERTURNED THE ORDER. IN 1972, SUE EMBREY CAME TO
21 ME WHEN I WAS POVERTY LAWYER WORKING FOR U.S.C. SHE ASKED ME
22 TO BE THE PRO BONO COUNSEL FOR THE MANZANAR COMMITTEE. AND
23 THAT JOURNEY FROM 1972 WENT ON FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. AND OUR
24 JOURNEY TO ESTABLISH MANZANAR AS A NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE WENT
25 FROM IN YOUR COUNTY TO THE HALLS OF CONGRESS AND TO THE BOWELS



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1 OF CITY HALL. AND THAT'S WHERE THE REAL BATTLE TOOK PLACE. IF
2 IT WASN'T FOR THE KIND OF SUPPORT THAT WE GOT FROM SUPERVISOR
3 YAROSLAVSKY, THEN PRESIDENT JOHN FERRARO, WE WOULD NOT HAVE
4 BEEN ABLE TO PUSH BACK MIKE GAGE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER
5 AND POWER. YOU KNOW, WHEN SUPERVISOR MOLINA WAS IN THE CARTER
6 ADMINISTRATION, I WAS APPOINTED TO THE IMMIGRATION COMMISSION.
7 AND ON THAT BODY I FOUGHT FOR FAIR AND HUMANE POLICIES. LAST
8 SUNDAY, I WAS AT SANTA ANITA AND THAT WAS MY THIRD TIME
9 BECAUSE THE SECOND TIME I WAS THERE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
10 CREATED A MONUMENT TO MEMORIALIZE THE INCARCERATION OF
11 JAPANESE AMERICANS DURING WORLD WAR II, YES. I WANT TO CLOSE
12 BY JUST SAYING THAT YOUR INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE ASSISTANCE
13 TO US OVER THE YEARS HAS MADE ALL THE DIFFERENCE, AND TODAY I
14 APPLAUD WHAT YOU'RE DOING IN RESCINDING THE MOTION. THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, ROSE. KENNY INOUE.

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18 **KENNY INOUE:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KEN
19 INOUE. I'M THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR FOR THE JAPANESE AMERICAN
20 CITIZENS LEAGUE. IT'S THE NATION'S OLDEST AND LARGEST ASIAN
21 AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION. AND ON BEHALF OF THE
22 J.A.C.L., WE STAND BEFORE YOU TODAY TO ASK YOU TO SUPPORT THE
23 RESOLUTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. I'M HERE TODAY,
24 ALSO, AS A SON OF A NISEI. A NISEI MAN WHO WAS LIVING THE
25 AMERICAN DREAM IN THE 1940S. HE WAS BORN IN COLORADO. HE WENT



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1 TO U.C.L.A., AND HE REALLY WAS AT THAT POINT LIVING THE
2 AMERICAN DREAM. BUT HE HAD THE UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCE OF
3 GRADUATING IN 1941. BUT HE WAS SUCH A PROUD AMERICAN, EVEN
4 THOUGH IN 1941 WHEN HE TRIED TO GET A JOB HE WAS TOLD "WE CAN
5 HIRE YOU, BUT IF WE GO TO WAR WITH JAPAN, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE
6 TO FIRE YOU BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT ANY OF YOUR KIND WORKING FOR
7 OUR COMPANY IF WE GO TO WAR WITH JAPAN." HE WAS A PROUD
8 AMERICAN EVEN WHEN AFTER WORLD WAR II, HE STOOD IN LINE TO
9 ENLIST FOR THE MILITARY SERVICE. AND ONCE AGAIN HE WAS TOLD
10 "WE DON'T WANT YOUR KIND." HE WAS A PROUD AMERICAN AS HE
11 REBUILT HIS LIFE AFTER THE WAR, COMING BACK TO HAVE A CAREER
12 AT J.P.L. AS AN ENGINEER. HE WAS A PROUD AMERICAN AS HE TAUGHT
13 HIS CHILDREN, INCLUDING MYSELF, TO LOVE AMERICA, TO UNDERSTAND
14 THAT THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS THE WAY THEY CAN BE, BUT AMERICA IS
15 THE LAND OF OPPORTUNITY. SO BOARD MEMBERS AND BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS, I'M HERE TODAY TO ASK YOU TO SUPPORT AND PASS
17 THIS RESOLUTION BECAUSE IT WOULD HONOR THE MEMORY OF NOT JUST
18 MY FATHER BUT ALL OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT HAD THE
19 UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCES OF BEING INCARCERATED OR INDIRECTLY
20 AFFECTED BY THE INTERNMENT. PLEASE DO THIS AND HONOR HIS
21 MEMORY. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. JONATHAN KAJI.

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1 **JONATHAN KAJI:** MY NAME IS JONATHAN KAJI, I'M HERE TODAY ALSO
2 HERE ON BEHALF OF MY FATHER BRUCE KAJI. FIRST OF ALL I'D LIKE
3 TO THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR HIS SPONSORSHIP OF THIS
4 MOTION. AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK HIS STAFFERS, RANDY TIHARA
5 AND ALSO DAN ROSENFELD FOR THEIR HARD WORK ON THIS. AND I
6 THINK IT'S ALSO SIGNIFICANT TODAY THAT WE HAVE HERE MR.
7 FUJIOKA AND MISS HAMAI. AND I THINK WE'VE COME A LONG WAY OVER
8 70 YEARS TO GET TO THIS POINT. I'D LIKE TO SHARE THAT I'VE
9 BEEN THE PAST PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.C. ASIAN PACIFIC ALUMNI
10 ASSOCIATION. OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS, WE'VE BEEN PUSHING AN
11 EFFORT TO HAVE THE UNIVERSITY ISSUE HONORARY DEGREES TO THEIR
12 FORMER NISEI STUDENTS. AT LAST MONTH'S COMMENCEMENT, 11 LIVING
13 NISEI STUDENTS WERE RECOGNIZED. HOWEVER, U.S.C., CITING A
14 POLICY WHICH PREVENTS THE ISSUANCE OF HONORARY POSTHUMOUS
15 DEGREES STILL REFUSES TO ISSUE THOSE TO THE OTHER MEMBERS OF
16 THAT CLASS OF 1942. THROUGH OUR RESEARCH, WE DID ASK THE
17 QUESTION OF THE COUNTY: DID THE COUNTY EVER TAKE ACTION ON THE
18 EVACUATION? AND I'M HAPPY TODAY TO SEE THAT THE COUNTY IS
19 TAKING STEPS TO RESCIND THIS MOTION IN 1942. BUT ALSO WE'D
20 LIKE TO ASK THE COUNTY'S SUPPORT IN URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF
21 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, MY ALMA MATER, TO GO THE FINAL MILE AND
22 TO ALSO ISSUE HONORARY POSTHUMOUS DEGREES TO THEIR FORMER
23 NISEI STUDENTS WHO WERE SUBJECT OF THE EVACUATION. THANK YOU
24 VERY MUCH.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES THE
2 PUBLIC TESTIMONY. AND LET ME JUST SAY TO ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF
3 THE AUDIENCE WHO CAME HERE ON THIS ITEM, IN MY TRADITION IN
4 THE PASSOVER HOLIDAY WE RECITE AN ADMONITION THAT IN EACH
5 GENERATION, EVERY PERSON IS OBLIGATED TO VIEW HIMSELF AS
6 THOUGH HE HIMSELF PARTICIPATED IN THE EXODUS FROM EGYPT. EVEN
7 THOUGH THAT EXODUS WAS SEVERAL THOUSAND YEARS AGO, EVERY
8 GENERATION HAS BEEN ASKED TO VIEW THEMSELVES AS THOUGH THEY
9 THEMSELVES WANDERED IN THE DESERT FOR 40 YEARS. THE REASON FOR
10 THAT IS OBVIOUS, THAT EVERY GENERATION IS OBLIGATED TO TRY TO
11 NOT ONLY EXPERIENCE WHAT THEIR ANCESTORS WENT THROUGH, BUT TO
12 INCULCATE IN THEMSELVES A COMMITMENT NOT TO REPEAT EITHER THE
13 MISTAKES OF THE PAST OR THE EXPERIENCES OF THE PAST THROUGH
14 YOUR OWN ACTION IN YOUR OWN TIME. THAT'S WHAT THIS RESOLUTION
15 IS ABOUT TODAY. AS SEVERAL HAVE SAID, IT'S NOT ABOUT THE PAST
16 EXCLUSIVELY, ALTHOUGH IT IS ABOUT THE PAST AND IT IS ABOUT
17 REMEMBERING THE PAST. BUT IT IS A ROAD MAP TO EACH AND EVERY
18 ONE OF US IN THIS GENERATION AND IN FUTURE GENERATIONS NOT TO
19 GO DOWN THAT ROAD THAT OUR PREDECESSORS WENT DOWN SOME 70
20 YEARS AGO. AND IN THAT REGARD, IN THAT TRADITION THAT I
21 MENTIONED AT THE OUTSET OF MY REMARKS, WE ARE OBLIGATED AND
22 CALLED UPON TO VIEW OURSELVES AS THOUGH WE WERE ALL FIVE OF US
23 WERE SUPERVISORS IN 1941, '42 AND TO WALK A MILE IN YOUR
24 SHOES, WHICH YOU HAVE HELPED US DO TODAY AND HAVE DONE SO IN
25 THE PAST. I THINK THIS IS MORE THAN A SYMBOLIC ACT ON THE PART



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1 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TODAY. IT IS A STATEMENT OF
2 HUMANITY ON OUR PART. IT'S AN INSTRUCTION TO ALL PUBLIC
3 OFFICIALS, ALL BUREAUCRATS, ALL DECISION MAKERS TO STOP, LOOK
4 AND LISTEN WHEN THE TEMPTATIONS TO PAINT ALL PEOPLES WITH ONE
5 BRUSH OR TO VIOLATE OUR CONSTITUTION PRESENT THEMSELVES. SO I
6 THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR THIS RESOLUTION. AND TO
7 EVERY ONE OF YOU HERE TODAY, EACH OF YOU HAVE MADE SUCH MOVING
8 AND PROFOUND TESTIMONY. ANY OTHER MEMBERS? MISS MOLINA?

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S MY HONOR TO JOIN SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-
11 THOMAS IN THIS RESOLUTION. BUT I MUST SAY TO EVERYONE WHO IS
12 HERE AND WHO RECOGNIZES HOW IMPORTANT AND SIGNIFICANT THIS IS,
13 WE SIMILARLY DID THIS IN THE REPATRIATION WHEN THE COUNTY OF
14 LOS ANGELES JOINED WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN APOLOGIZING
15 FOR THE ACTIONS THAT THEY TOOK IN THE REPATRIATION OF MANY
16 AMERICAN CITIZENS THAT WERE SENT TO MEXICO. AND OF COURSE THE
17 COUNTY PARTICIPATED IN THOSE ACTIVITIES AT THAT TIME. AND I
18 GUESS YOU DON'T NOTICE IT HOW SIGNIFICANT IT IS UNTIL YOU GET
19 TO MEET SOME OF THE PEOPLE AND THE FAMILIES THAT WERE INVOLVED
20 WITH THAT AS CLEARLY IT WAS, IN THE DEDICATION THAT WE DID, IN
21 LISTENING TO THE FAMILIES AT THAT TIME, INCLUDING CONGRESSMAN
22 ESTEBAN TORRES, WHOSE FATHER WAS TAKEN WHO HE NEVER SAW AGAIN
23 AND WHO HAD TO SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES, IT HAS A PROFOUND,
24 PROFOUND MEANING TO EVERY ONE OF THOSE FAMILIES. AND SO I KNOW
25 THAT OUR ACTION TODAY IS HAVING THAT SAME PROFOUND IMPACT.



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1 AND, IN FACT, TO MANY OF THOSE FAMILIES, IT ISN'T JUST A
2 SIMPLE ACT; I THINK IT'S A VERY PROFOUND ACT. AND I'M VERY
3 PROUD TO BE A PART OF IT. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, I THINK THAT
4 WE DO HAVE TO REMEMBER. AND IT CONTINUES TO HAPPEN, NO MATTER
5 WHAT, IN RECOGNIZING THAT WE'RE A COUNTRY OF IMMIGRANTS. AND
6 EACH OF US HAVE MADE OUR CONTRIBUTIONS. AND WE ARE PAINTED BY
7 ONE BROAD BRUSH ON A REGULAR BASIS. WE ARE THE FIRST ONES THAT
8 HAVE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT
9 DON'T SERVE OUR COUNTRY WELL BUT ARE EASILY DISMISSED, AS
10 WELL, WHEN WE DO. THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO MAKE US VERY PROUD IN
11 OUR COMMUNITY. IT'S REALLY A SHAME. I HOPE OUR COUNTRY WILL
12 NEVER GO THROUGH THIS AGAIN, ALTHOUGH I'M NOT SURE. BUT I
13 THINK THESE ARE VERY SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS THAT WE TAKE TODAY.
14 [APPLAUSE.]

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR KNABE? AND THEN
17 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK A LOT HAS BEEN SAID AND EXPRESSED TO KNOW
20 ALSO MEANINGFUL AND PURPOSEFUL TO ALL OF US THAT I'M JUST
21 PROUD TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE WITH MARK AND COMMEND HIM FOR
22 THIS EFFORT AND COMMEND THOSE THAT TOOK THE TIME TO SHARE
23 THEIR STORIES. I SORT OF REFLECT BACK WITH A NAME LIKE KNABE
24 MOST PEOPLE THINK I'M JAPANESE. AND I'M NOT. BUT I REMEMBER I
25 DO DEFINITELY REMEMBER THE DAYS OF THE OLD L.A.C.T.C.C. AND WE



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1 WERE DOING A RAIL CAR PROCUREMENT. AND PART OF THE PROCUREMENT
2 WAS TO SELECT A JAPANESE COMPANY. AND MY DEAR FRIEND MAS FUKAI
3 AND I WERE SUPPORTING THIS EFFORT. AND THERE WAS A RADIO TALK
4 SHOW HOST THAT JUST BOMBARDED US ABOUT OUR PROCURING A
5 JAPANESE CAR VERSUS AN AMERICAN CAR AND THE FACT THAT THERE
6 WAS POSSIBLY SOME AMERICAN CARS WE COULD BUY. AND AFTER THAT
7 PRESS CONFERENCE AND BEING BOMBARDED BY PHONE CALLS, THE PHONE
8 CALLS THAT CAME IN TO ME WERE "JAP, GO HOME." "JAP, GO HOME."
9 AND IT WAS SO POIGNANT TO ME. I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY BEING A GERMAN
10 DESCENT, WHAT IT MUST FEEL LIKE. AND IT REALLY DROVE HOME A
11 POINT. AND OBVIOUSLY MY CONVERSATIONS OVER THE YEARS ABOUT THE
12 HISTORY OF THIS HORRIFIC INCIDENT WITH MAS FUKAI HAVE MEANT A
13 LOT TO ME. SO I AM JUST PROUD TO BE PART OF THIS ACTION TODAY.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT WAS IN THIS ROOM WHERE THAT DECISION WAS
18 MADE BY THE OLD L.A.C.T.C. WE HAD REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE
19 CITY COUNCIL MARCHING DOWN HERE WITH THIS BIG CROWD TO OPPOSE
20 THAT CONTRACT TO A JAPANESE FIRM. IT WAS THE MOST
21 REPREHENSIBLE ACTION OF SOME ELECTED OFFICIALS TO COME DOWN
22 HERE AND HAVE THAT TYPE OF DEMONSTRATION. AND WE HAD A RECENT
23 ISSUE AT THE M.T.A. THANKFULLY THE JAPANESE FIRM GOT THE BID
24 JUST THIS PAST MONTH ON A VOTE BECAUSE THEY WERE THE MOST
25 RELIABLE AND MOST EFFICIENT AND AS A RESULT THEY RECEIVED THAT



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1 VOTE OF AFFIRMATION. AND WHILE THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT
2 THAT, IT WAS NOT THE TYPE OF HATE-FILLED THAT OCCURRED AT THE
3 TIME THAT THE L.A.C.T.C. WAS THE GOVERNING AGENCY. I REMEMBER
4 DURING THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO
5 TESTIFY IN SUPPORT OF THE REPARATIONS BILL THAT WAS SIGNED BY
6 THE PRESIDENT BECAUSE OF THE INJUSTICE THAT WAS MADE AND VERY
7 PROUD TO SEE THAT CONGRESS MADE THAT EFFORT. BUT THIS WAS AN
8 ACTION THAT WAS REALLY UNCALLED-FOR BECAUSE THE FEDERAL
9 GOVERNMENT DID NOT ROUND UP EVERY GERMAN, EVERY ITALIAN, BUT
10 YET THEY ROUNDED UP JAPANESE AMERICANS. AND WITH THE GERMANS
11 AND THE ITALIANS, THEY DID IT SELECTIVELY ON THOSE THAT THEY
12 THOUGHT WERE INVOLVED WITH THE ENEMY. THEY DID NOT DO IT WITH
13 ALL OF THOSE PEOPLE. AND THIS TYPE OF RASH ACTION. I REMEMBER
14 READING WHERE J. EDGAR HOOVER OPPOSED THAT EXECUTIVE ORDER,
15 THAT IT WAS WRONG. AND THERE WAS A LOT OF DISCUSSION. BUT
16 HOPEFULLY WE HAVE LEARNED FROM THE PAST. HOPEFULLY, AND
17 COMMEND SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR HIS LEADERSHIP ON
18 THIS ISSUE. AND I WANT TO COMMEND THE SPEAKERS TODAY FOR THEIR
19 ELOQUENCE, RECITING THEIR PERSONAL FAMILY HISTORY AS TO WHAT
20 WENT ON SO THAT IT WILL REAWAKEN THE ISSUE SO THAT THE PEOPLE
21 WHO ARE WATCHING THIS ON TELEVISION WILL ALSO UNDERSTAND THE
22 IMPORTANCE OF THE SYMBOLIC ACTION THAT WE ARE TAKING TODAY AND
23 HOPEFULLY THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WILL FOLLOW IN
24 THAT EXAMPLE, AS WELL, FROM THE ACTION THAT WE TAKE TODAY.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. FUJIOKA, YOU HAD ASKED TO SAY
2 A FEW WORDS, SO I'LL GIVE YOU THE FLOOR.

3

4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. JUST A REAL BRIEF
5 COMMENT. I THINK PEOPLE KNOW THAT I'M A JAPANESE-AMERICAN. I'M
6 A THIRD GENERATION JAPANESE- AMERICAN. JUST A BRIEF THING I
7 WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU THAT FOLLOWING THE BOMBING OF PEARL
8 HARBOR, MY GRANDFATHER WAS ONE OF THE FIRST, IF NOT THE FIRST
9 PERSON PICKED UP BY THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT. AND LIKE A LOT OF
10 JAPANESE AMERICANS, HE DIDN'T GO TO CAMP IMMEDIATELY. HE WENT
11 TO LEAVENWORTH PRISON WITHOUT ANY CHARGES FILED. HE HAD A VERY
12 PROMINENT -- HE WAS A VERY PROMINENT BUSINESSMAN IN LITTLE
13 TOKYO, AND I GUESS THEY THOUGHT BECAUSE OF THAT PROMINENCE, HE
14 WAS A SPY. MY FATHER WAS A FOURTH YEAR STUDENT AT CAL
15 BERKELEY. AND HE WAS REMOVED FROM HIS CLASSES AND THEN WITH
16 THE REST OF HIS FAMILY TAKEN TO HEART MOUNTAIN. HE NEVER
17 FINISHED HIS DEGREE AT CAL BERKELEY. BUT WE HAD A GOOD MOMENT
18 A COUPLE YEARS AGO WHERE WE WERE ABLE TO GET HIS DEGREE,
19 ALTHOUGH HE PASSED IN 1992. HE WENT ON TO THE 442 WITH HIS
20 OTHER COUSINS AND HIS BROTHERS AND WAS A DECORATED VETERAN OF
21 442. BUT I WANT TO SHARE ONE FACT. WHILE HIS MOTHER AND THEN
22 MY MOTHER'S FAMILY WERE IN HEART MOUNTAIN, WYOMING. THE 442
23 WAS THE FIRST MILITARY, U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL THAT CAME UPON
24 DACHAU, THE DEATH CAMP THAT KILLED A LOT OF JEWISH, A LOT OF
25 JEWS. AND IT WAS JAPANESE AMERICANS WHO LIBERATED THAT CAMP



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1 WHILE THEIR FAMILIES WERE IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS. BUT AS WE
2 MOVE FORWARD, MY FAMILY, MY FATHER, TAUGHT ME NOT ONLY TO BE A
3 PROUD JAPANESE, BUT A PROUD AMERICAN. THANK YOU, RIDLEY-
4 THOMAS, THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU, THIS BOARD.

5 [APPLAUSE.]

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR
8 RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, I THEREFORE
11 MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESCIND AND REVOKE THE
12 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DATED JANUARY 27, 1942,
13 WHICH SUPPORTED THE RELOCATION AND INTERNMENT OF JAPANESE
14 AMERICANS FROM THEIR HOMES, THEIR BUSINESSES, THEIR SCHOOLS
15 AND THEIR PLACES OF WORSHIP.

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE THAT
18 ALL MEMBERS SECOND THAT MOTION.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THAT'S FINE. ALL
21 MEMBERS WILL SECOND IT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.
22 AND, AGAIN, THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING. I THINK SUPERVISOR
23 RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU'D LIKE TO INVITE THE PEOPLE WHO TESTIFIED
24 UP --

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I WOULD, MR. CHAIRMAN. I THINK
2 IT'S AN APPROPRIATE WAY TO COMMEMORATE THIS OCCASION. NEVER
3 LET IT BE SAID THAT THOSE WHO DID WHAT WOULD BE PERCEIVED TO
4 BE THE WRONG THING HAD THE LAST WORD. WE SEEK TO DO THE RIGHT
5 THING TODAY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. CALL THE MEETING BACK
8 TO ORDER. OKAY. ON S-2, WE HAVE THREE SPEAKERS. THERE IS NO
9 REPORT TODAY. IF THERE'S NO REPORT, WHY WAS IT ON THE AGENDA?

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11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THERE IS NO ORAL REPORT.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THERE'S A WRITTEN REPORT.

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15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THIS IS THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT. THE MONTHLY REPORT. ALL
18 RIGHT. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ERIC PREVEN AND JOHN NAHHAS.
19 COME ON DOWN, MR. PREVEN.

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21 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'M HERE. IT'S JUST THE ORDER.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** START. YOU CAN GO FIRST.

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** S-2, GREETINGS. MY NAME IS ERIC PREVEN AND I AM
2 THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3 AND I JUST WANT TO SAY
3 THAT WAS A VERY MOVING PRESENTATION AND IT'S VERY TOUCHING FOR
4 ALL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY. AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK
5 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR THAT AND ALSO ALL THE
6 MEMBERS. REGARDING THE REPORT ON THE HOSPITALS, THIS REPORT
7 THAT WAS PUBLISHED, THERE WAS SOMETHING PUBLISHED, HAD TO DO
8 WITH THE MARCH 2012 NUMBERS. AND AS I MENTIONED BEFORE, THE
9 LENGTH OF STAY IS THE CONCERN HERE. OUR GOAL IS FOR A 5.5-DAY
10 LENGTH OF STAY, AND UNFORTUNATELY THE AVERAGE IS 6.4. SO WE
11 ARE HOPEFUL THAT BY REGULAR MEETINGS AND SOLUTIONS RATHER THAN
12 JUST FILE AND RECEIVES, WE CAN START TO TACKLE THIS. AND OF
13 COURSE THESE NUMBERS DO BOUNCE AROUND AS PART OF THE NORMAL
14 COURSE OF EVENTS. ITEM 32, WHICH IS INCLUSIVE OF THIS
15 HEALTHCARE REPORT, DEALS WITH A COMPANY CALLED HEALTH
16 MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES THAT IS A LARGE PUBLICLY TRADED FIRM
17 THAT CONSULTS ON HOSPITALS AND HAS BEEN CONSULTING FOR US TO
18 THE TUNE OF APPROXIMATELY \$2 MILLION. AND I NOTED IN TODAY'S
19 ITEM THAT WILL BE BEFORE THIS BOARD AN ADDITIONAL 300,000 TO
20 BRING IT UP TO THE 2 MILLION. AND MANY OF THESE FEES THAT ARE
21 BEING CHARGED ARE A LITTLE OUTRAGEOUS, TO BE FAIR. THEY ARE
22 FINANCE CONSULTING TO THE TUNE OF \$300 AN HOUR FOR A FEW OF
23 THESE INDIVIDUALS AND LARGE TRAVEL EXPENDITURES. AND I KNOW
24 THAT WE ARE ALL FACING DIFFICULTIES IN OUR HOSPITALS AND IN
25 THE MANAGEMENT OF OUR HOSPITALS, BUT WHEN WE ARE PAYING



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1 SOMEONE CLOSE TO \$300 AN HOUR TO CONSULT ON THE FINANCING OF
2 THAT, IT JUST SEEMS LIKE GIVEN THE SIZE OF THIS DEPARTMENT AND
3 GIVEN THE ACUTE FINANCIAL NEEDS, THAT SOME OF THAT HIGH-END
4 CONSULTING MONEY COULD BE REDEPLOYED, SO TO SPEAK, TO PUT IT
5 MORE ON THE SCREEN, IF YOU WILL, MEANING ON THE FRONTLINE
6 WHERE INDIVIDUALS ARE IN NEED OF IMPORTANT CARE. AND I WILL
7 CONCLUDE WITH THAT. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DR. CLAVREUL, GO AHEAD.

14

15 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVRUEL. WELL, IT'S
16 KIND OF SAD THAT WE DO NOT HAVE THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH
17 SERVICES HERE TO PRESENT THAT REPORT. AS IT IS NOW, HE DOES
18 NOT HAVE TO DO IT BUT EVERY TWO MONTHS. SPECIFICALLY WHEN ALL
19 OF A SUDDEN PEDIATRIC WAITING TIME, WE HAVE NOW 3.44 HOURS,
20 WHICH IS A VERY LONG TIME FOR PEDIATRIC TO BE HELD IN AN
21 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT. AND WHAT IS EVEN MORE CONCERNING IS THAT
22 THIS IS THE HIGHEST IT HAS BEEN SINCE FEBRUARY 2011. SO THAT'S
23 THE WORST IT HAS BEEN IN A YEAR AND A HALF. SO I THINK, YOU
24 KNOW, IT WOULD BE NICE IF THE DIRECTOR WOULD BE HERE AND WE
25 COULD GET SOME EXPLANATION FOR THAT INCREASE. AND BEYOND THE



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1 WAITING TIME, OF COURSE THE BOARDING TIME WAS INCREASED. THE
2 BOARDING TIME IS THE TIME PATIENTS STAY IN THE EMERGENCY
3 DEPARTMENT UNTIL THEY ARE ADMITTED TO A FLOOR AND/OR TO GO
4 HOME. AGAIN, THIS MONTH IT'S TWO HOURS AND 26 AMOUNT OF TIME
5 TO WAIT, WHICH IS EXTREMELY EXTENSIVE FOR CHILDREN TO BE
6 WAITING THAT LONG. AND THAT'S THE HIGHEST SINCE APRIL 2010.
7 THAT'S TWO YEARS AGO. SO WE ARE DOING -- NOT GETTING BETTER,
8 WE ARE GETTING WORSE AND WORSE. AND WE ARE GETTING WORSE MORE
9 THAN A YEAR AGO, MORE THAN TWO YEARS AGO. WHAT'S GOING ON AT
10 U.S.C. WITH PEDIATRIC DEPARTMENT? AND THAT'S VERY SAD BECAUSE
11 YOU HAVE -- U.S.C. HAS A FANTASTIC PEDIATRIC DEPARTMENT. AND I
12 ALSO HAPPEN TO KNOW MANY OF THE NURSES WHO WORK THERE AND WERE
13 EXCELLENT NURSES AND YOU HAVE A FANTASTIC NEONATAL INTENSIVE
14 CARE, PEDIATRIC INTENSIVE CARE. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO REASON
15 WHY ANY PEDIATRIC PATIENT HAD TO WAIT 2 HOUR AND A HALF BEFORE
16 BEING ADMITTED TO A FLOOR AFTER BEING SEEN IN THE E.R. THAT'S
17 ASININE. AND THE LENGTH OF STAY LIKE MR. PREVEN MENTIONED IS
18 AGAIN, STILL VERY HIGH. I JUST HOPED THAT WE COULD HAVE THE
19 DIRECTOR PRESENT THE REPORT BECAUSE THERE IS A REPORT. AND I
20 THINK THE PUBLIC AT LARGE HAS THE RIGHT TO LISTEN TO IT. AND I
21 SAY YOU AS SUPERVISORS HAVE THE RIGHT TO REVIEW IT AND
22 CERTAINLY SHOULD HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO DEAL WITH THOSE
23 DISCREPANCIES. I MEAN THE WAITING TIME IN PEDIATRIC IS
24 INAPPROPRIATE AND SHOULD NOT HAPPEN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
25 ATTENTION.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. NAHHAS?

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4 **JOHN NAHHAS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JOHN
5 NAHHAS. FIRST I'D LIKE TO THANK DR. GENEVIEVE FOR COMING OUT
6 AND EXPRESSING HER CONCERNS REGARDING HEALTH ISSUES. I THINK
7 EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM KNOWS SHE COMES HERE ON A VERY
8 CONSISTENT BASIS AND SHARES HER VIEWS AND DOES BACKGROUND
9 RESEARCH, GOES TO A LOT OF PUBLIC MEETINGS, AND ALL SHE WANTS
10 IN RETURN IS FOUR SUPERVISORS TO LISTEN. AND FIVE, WHEN FIVE
11 SHOW UP, THAT'S NOT TOO MUCH TO ASK FOR ANY. YOU ALL WERE
12 RELATIVELY LISTENING, ACTIVELY LISTENING DURING S-1. AND NOW
13 S-2? IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THE ACTIVE LISTENING IS STILL THERE.
14 OUR CONCERN ABOUT THESE MEETINGS IS THAT IN OPEN GOVERNMENT IS
15 THAT WE'RE ALLOWED TO COME DOWN AND SOME OF US THAT DO
16 BACKGROUND RESEARCH, SOME OF US THAT GO TO THESE OTHER
17 MEETINGS, SOME OF US THAT LOOK, REVIEW THE STAFF REPORTS, WE
18 MIGHT HAVE CONCERNS. AND RATHER THAN JUST SHARE THESE CONCERNS
19 TO THE MICROPHONE, AND LIKE SUPERVISOR MOLINA SAYS GET ON T.V.
20 BECAUSE WE'RE ALL EGOCENTRIC, ESSENTIALLY, WE'RE ALL JUST EGO
21 MANIACS, THAT'S ALL WE REALLY COME DOWN HERE FOR IS BECAUSE WE
22 WANT TO BE ON T.V.; WELL WE REFUTE THAT. WE'RE NOT HERE JUST
23 TO BE ON T.V. WE ARE HERE BECAUSE WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT
24 WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR COMMUNITIES. AND WHEN YOU HAVE 35
25 DIFFERENT ITEMS ON HEALTH AND YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO SEEMS TO



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1 BE A RELATIVE EXPERT EVERY SINGLE WEEK COMING DOWN HERE AND
2 THEN YOU RESTRICT HER TO THREE MINUTES ON 35 ITEMS -- THE
3 BROWN ACT.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU SHOULD REALLY STICK TO THE
6 SUBJECT, OKAY? YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY ON PUBLIC COMMENT TO
7 RANT ALL YOU WANT ABOUT US. BUT ON THIS ITEM, YOU'RE TO SPEAK
8 ON ITEM S-2, AND YOU HAVEN'T SAID A WORD ABOUT S-2 YET. SO
9 PLEASE TRY TO JUST DO THAT, OKAY?

10

11 **JON NAHHAS:** SO AGAIN I'D LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OF THE HARD
12 WORK THAT GENEVIEVE HAS DONE IN COMING DOWN AND SHARING THAT
13 INFORMATION HERE WITH YOU. I WOULD LIKE YOU, IN RETURN, TO
14 SHOW THE RESPECT THAT SHE DESERVES IN PREPARING HEALTH ITEMS.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU DIDN'T HEAR WHAT I SAID, DID
17 YOU?

18

19 **JOHN NAHHAS:** I DID. I CLEARLY DID.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SO WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO
22 SAY ABOUT ITEM S-2?

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24 **JOHN NAHHAS:** WHAT I HAVE TO SAY ABOUT ITEM S-2 IS THAT WE
25 HAVE, AS CITIZENS THE RIGHT TO BE ABLE TO SEE THE STAFF



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1 REPORT, WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THESE
2 DIFFERENT ITEMS ARE.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** STAFF REPORT IS AVAILABLE. IT'S
5 ONLINE. IT'S AVAILABLE. BUT I DON'T THINK YOU CAME HERE
6 PREPARED TO TALK ABOUT S-2, MR. NAHHAS. YOU NEVER COME
7 PREPARED TO SPEAK ABOUT ANYTHING. YOU JUST COME HERE TO -- AND
8 YOU HAVE A PERFECT RIGHT, I'LL GIVE YOU THE TIME THAT I'M
9 TAKING, BUT YOU'RE MAKING A MOCKERY OF THIS. AND YOU HAVE A
10 RIGHT TO SPEAK ON WHATEVER YOU WANT TO SPEAK ON PUBLIC
11 COMMENT. BUT WHEN YOU CALL AN ITEM OUT BY NUMBER, THE
12 EXPECTATION AND THE LAW IS THAT YOU'RE TO SPEAK ON THAT
13 SUBJECT, NOT ON SOMETHING EXTRANEIOUS TO THAT SUBJECT AND YOU
14 HAVEN'T DONE THAT. AND SO I'M TRYING TO BE RESPECTFUL OF YOU
15 AND TO TELL YOU, YOU WANT TO BLAST US, DO IT ON PUBLIC
16 COMMENT. YOU WILL, ANYWAY. BUT IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SPEAK TO
17 ITEM S-2, THEN I THINK YOU FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO SPEAK TO ITEM
18 S-2. OKAY. GIVE HIM ANOTHER 1 MINUTE.

19

20 **JOHN NAHHAS:** I GUESS TO REITERATE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT YOU
21 MAY NOT HAVE HEARD, CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I HEARD EVERYTHING YOU SAID. JUST
24 BECAUSE I'M NOT LOOKING AT YOUR EYEBALLS DOESN'T MEAN I'M NOT
25 LISTENING TO WHAT YOU SAY.



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2 **JOHN NAHHAS:** THERE ARE 35 DIFFERENT HEALTH-RELATED ITEMS ON
3 TODAY'S AGENDA. NO ONE PERSON CAN COME UP HERE AND COGENTLY
4 SPEAK ABOUT 35 DIFFERENT HEALTH ITEMS.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'VE MADE THAT POINT. THANK
7 YOU, MR. NAHHAS. YOU JUST DON'T GET IT, OKAY, I'M SORRY. THE
8 ITEM, DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM?

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NO. IT WOULD BE A RECEIVE AND FILE.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. KNABE MOVES. I'LL
13 SECOND THAT THE ITEM BE RECEIVED AND FILED.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MR. KNABE, YOU'RE UP FOR
18 ADJOURNMENTS AND ANY OTHER ITEMS YOU'RE HOLDING.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS
21 FIRST. FIRST OF ALL, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARIAN
22 CHRISTY, MY SON KURT'S MOTHER-IN-LAW WHO PASSED AWAY THIS PAST
23 FRIDAY. SHE WAS 80 YEARS OLD WILL BE DEARLY MISSED BY ALL OF
24 US. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, WAYNE; DAUGHTER, SVEA; AND
25 TWO GRANDDAUGHTERS KAITLYN AND CHRISTY. THAT WE ADJOURN IN



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1 MEMORY OF HELEN MABRY, MOTHER OF NANCY, MOTHER-IN-LAW OF
2 WARREN ASMUS, COMMANDER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
3 DEPARTMENT WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY 28 AT THE AGE OF 87. SHE IS
4 SURVIVED BY HER THREE SONS, GARNER, MARK, AND RON; THREE
5 DAUGHTERS, MARY, MARSHA AND NANCY; 34 GRANDCHILDREN; 87 GREAT
6 GRANDCHILDREN; AND 11 GREAT, GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO WE
7 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF TOFIGA TAUTOLO, ARMY SPECIALIST OF
8 WILMINGTON WHO WAS KILLED BY AN I.E.D. ON MAY 27 WHILE SERVING
9 IN AFGHANISTAN IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. HE
10 WAS 23 YEARS OLD. FORMER MARINE DEPLOYED TO IRAQ IN 2008,
11 JOINED THE ARMY LAST MAY, WON SEVERAL MEDALS FOR HIS MILITARY
12 SERVICE, INCLUDING THE NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION MEDAL, THE
13 NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICEMAN. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND 18 MONTH
14 OLD SON. FINALLY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ANN WALCH, A CERRITOS
15 RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 95. GROWING UP IN IOWA,
16 IN NORTH DAKOTA, SHE RECEIVED A G.E.D. FROM LONG BEACH CITY
17 COLLEGE WHEN SHE WAS 51. SHE WAS MARRIED TO FLOYD FOR OVER 60
18 YEARS AND THEY HAD TWO CHILDREN. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON
19 LARRY, TWO GRANDCHILDREN, AND FIVE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE
20 ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS
23 VOTE.

24
25 **SUP. KNABE:** I BELIEVE I'M HOLDING SEVERAL ITEMS.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU HAVE THOSE?

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** 18. IT'S A PRETTY EXPENSIVE LEASE. JUST TO
9 COMMENT. IT'S A PRETTY EXPENSIVE PROPERTY. ARE WE STILL
10 CONTINUING TO LOOK FOR IN-HOUSE PROPERTY FOR THE COMMISSION?
11 BE DIRECTED TO THE C.E.O.

12

13 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I THINK ON A GO-FORWARD BASIS, WE COULD DO
14 THAT. BUT GIVEN NOT ONLY THE COST FOR A NEW LEASE, BUT THE
15 COST TO MOVE AND TO BUILD OUT ADDITIONAL SPACE, THAT BECAME A
16 FACTOR IN OUR DECISION.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** WAS THIS RUN BY THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION?

19

20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'LL GET THE ANSWER FOR YOU ON THAT. NORMALLY
21 THEY ARE. BUT I'LL GET THE ANSWER FOR YOU. OUR REAL ESTATE
22 DIVISION --

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** IF IT HAS BEEN, IT SHOULD BE NOTED IN THE REPORT
2 WHETHER OR NOT IT'S BEEN APPROVED OR RECOMMENDED BY THE
3 COMMISSION.

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5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'LL GET THE ANSWER FOR YOU, SIR.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY.

8

9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** SHOULD YOU HOLD IT ON THE TABLE UNTIL I GET
10 THAT ANSWER?

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S HOLD THAT ON THE
13 TABLE. THAT'S FINE.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** THEN ITEM 20? I.S.D.? IT'S SORT OF UNIQUE
16 RECOMMENDATION. I WANT TO CLARIFY THAT THIS ITEM DOESN'T
17 INCREASE THE RATE, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, FOR MAINTENANCE AND
18 REPAIR SERVICES, IS THAT CORRECT?

19

20 **TOM TINDALL:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** WHY DO YOU NEED, THEN, THE INCREASE TO THE CAP?

23

24 **TOM TINDALL:** I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T CATCH THAT.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** WHY DO YOU NEED THE INCREASE TO THE CAP IF IT'S
2 NOT INCREASING OUR RATES.

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4 **TOM TINDALL:** THERE ARE SEVERAL FACTORS THAT HAVE CAUSED THE
5 COSTS TO GO UP. ONE OF THEM IS THAT WE'VE HAD DEPARTMENTS
6 BRING IN VEHICLES, OLDER VEHICLES. AND WE'VE BEEN REFURBISHING
7 THOSE RATHER THAN REPLACING THEM. WE'VE SEEN A 12 PERCENT
8 INCREASE IN PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICES BEING PERFORMED.
9 AND THEN WE'VE ALSO, TO MEET REGULATIONS, HAVE INSTALLED
10 DIESEL PARTICULATE FILTERS. SO THOSE ARE THE MAIN FACTORS THAT
11 HAVE LED TO THE INCREASED AMOUNT OF SERVICES THAT HAVE BEEN
12 PROVIDED, BUT THERE'S BEEN NO INCREASE IN THE RATE. IT'S A
13 NUMBER OF SERVICES; IT'S NOT A COST PER SERVICE.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CONTINUE TO
16 MONITOR THIS BECAUSE THE DEPARTMENTS STILL GET TO PICK AND
17 CHOOSE WHAT THEY GET DONE, IS THAT CORRECT?

18

19 **TOM TINDALL:** I'M SORRY, AGAIN, I MISSED IT.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** THE DEPARTMENTS STILL GET TO PICK AND CHOOSE WHAT
22 THEY WANT DONE, IS THAT CORRECT?

23

24 **TOM TINDALL:** WELL, YES AND NO. THE DEPARTMENTS BRING THE
25 VEHICLES IN FOR SERVICE. AND THERE ARE CERTAIN SAFETY ITEMS



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1 THAT WE GO AHEAD AND PERFORM, THE BASIC SERVICE. BEYOND THAT,
2 THOUGH, THE DEPARTMENTS DO APPROVE WHETHER THE SERVICES ARE
3 PROVIDED.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE OF THIS
6 INCREASE IN THE CAP THAT WE CONTINUE TO GET THOSE QUARTERLY
7 REPORTS THAT I ASKED FOR BEFORE. I THINK WE'RE BEHIND ONE OR
8 SOMETHING LIKE THAT. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE GET THE
9 QUARTERLY REPORTS.

10

11 **TOM TINDALL:** FOR SURE. I'M SURPRISED TO HEAR THAT WE'RE BEHIND
12 ONE. WE'VE BEEN REPORTING QUARTERLY. WE'LL CONTINUE TO REPORT
13 QUARTERLY. IF WE SEE OR FORECAST THAT WE'RE GOING TO GO OVER
14 THE CAP, WE'LL COME BACK TO THE BOARD AND ASK FOR ADDITIONAL
15 AUTHORIZATION.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. BECAUSE I THINK WE NEED TO MONITOR THOSE. I
18 MEAN, WHILE IT'S GOOD THAT WE ARE DOING PREVENTATIVE AND
19 REPAIR WORK VERSUS PURCHASING, THAT CAN GET OUT OF CONTROL,
20 TOO. SO WE JUST NEED TO HAVE SOMEBODY MONITOR. AND THAT'S YOUR
21 RESPONSIBILITY.

22

23 **TOM TINDALL:** SUPERVISOR, WE'RE MONITORING THAT.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT I'D MOVE THE ITEM.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ANTONOVICH SECONDS.
3 WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** AND ITEM 23, BILL, AND I UNDERSTAND THE ITEM IS
6 GOING TO BE CONTINUED, BUT I'M USING THIS ITEM TO ADDRESS THE
7 ISSUE OF A.B.12.

8

9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, SIR.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** AND WHAT WE JUST LEARNED YESTERDAY ABOUT ANOTHER
12 CLASSIC BAIT AND SWITCH BY THE STATE, THIS TIME RELATED TO THE
13 MANDATE ON US BY A.B.12 TO EXPAND THE AGE OF FOSTER CARE FROM
14 18 TO 21. IT LOOKS LIKE THEY ARE SETTING US UP ONCE AGAIN FOR
15 ANOTHER UNFUNDED MANDATE. CAN YOU GIVE US AN UPDATE ON A.B.12
16 SPECIFICALLY AS IT RELATES TO THE FINANCIAL IMPACTS OF THE
17 PROPOSED TRAILER BILL?

18

19 **PHILLIP BROWNING:** WELL IN TERMS OF THE NEW TRAILER BILL THAT'S
20 BEEN WORKED ON I DON'T HAVE THAT INFORMATION. BUT IN TERMS OF
21 WHERE WE ARE TODAY, THE EXPENDITURES THAT WE PROJECT THAT
22 WOULD BE NEEDED TO COVER THIS NEW POPULATION WOULD BE MUCH
23 MORE THAN WHAT THE STATE HAS PUT INTO THE RE-ALIGNMENT. SO
24 WE'RE ABOUT -- WE'RE PROJECTING ABOUT \$20 MILLION WORTH OF
25 EXPENSES, AND THEY'RE ONLY GIVING US A SMALL PORTION OF THAT.



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1 SO WE WOULD BE GREATLY UNDERFUNDED. AND THIS WAS NOT PROJECTED
2 AT ALL.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL IN ADDITION TO THE UNDERFUNDING, MY
5 UNDERSTANDING IS AND MAYBE, I DON'T KNOW, IF RYAN WANTS TO
6 ADDRESS IT THEN IF YOU'RE NOT FAMILIAR WITH IT, FIRST OF ALL,
7 THE FIRST PART OF THIS, THEY COMMITTED TO A CAP.

8

9 **PHILLIP BROWNING:** THEY DID.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. AND NOW I UNDERSTAND FOR THE NEW MANDATE,
12 AND NOW I UNDERSTAND THEY WANT TO ELIMINATE THE CAP THROUGH
13 THE TRAILER BILL. IS THAT CORRECT?

14

15 **PHILLIP BROWNING:** THEY DO.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** SO HOW MUCH I MEAN, DO WE HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT
18 THAT'S GOING TOES COULD THE US?

19

20 **PHILLIP BROWNING:** WELL, BASED ON OUR PROJECTIONS, IT WOULD BE
21 ABOUT \$24 MILLION MORE THAN WHAT THEY WOULD COVER. THERE ARE A
22 NUMBER OF REASONS WHY THIS DOLLAR AMOUNT IS MUCH MORE THAN
23 WHAT WE HAD INITIALLY PROJECTED. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT ME
24 TO DISCUSS --

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I DO, BRIEFLY. TWO YEARS AGO WHEN THIS A.B.12 CAME
2 UP, I ASKED ABOUT THE COST TO COUNTY AND WHAT OUR PROTECTIONS
3 WERE.

4
5 **PHILLIP BROWNING:** AND THE STATE SAID WE WOULD BE HELD
6 HARMLESS. AS YOU'VE INDICATED, THEY'VE TRIED TO DO SOME THINGS
7 WHICH WOULD PUT US, AS A COUNTY, AT RISK. AND INITIALLY WHEN
8 THE BUDGET CAME OUT LAST YEAR, THERE WAS AN EXPECTATION THAT
9 THERE WOULD BE A 60 PERCENT TAKEUP RATE BY THE INDIVIDUALS WHO
10 WERE TURNING 18. THAT WAS BASED ON THE URBAN INSTITUTE AND THE
11 STATE'S PROJECTION. THAT'S TURNED OUT TO BE TOTALLY INCORRECT.
12 SO EVERY COUNTY'S EXPERIENCING, LIKE WE, A HUGE NUMBER OF
13 THESE YOUTH WHO ARE SAYING: I WILL STAY IN THE PROGRAM. AND
14 THAT WAS NOT ANTICIPATED. THERE WAS ALSO A HUGE INCREASE
15 THAT'S BEING PROPOSED FOR A RATE INCREASE FOR THE GROUP HOMES.
16 SO ALL THAT COMBINED HAS MADE US BELIEVE THAT THE COSTS WILL
17 BE MUCH HIGHER THAN WHAT WE HAD INITIALLY THOUGHT JUST SIX
18 MONTHS AGO. WE'RE ONLY INTO THIS PROGRAM BY ABOUT FOUR MONTHS.

19
20 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT I MEAN HOW -- BECAUSE WE'VE ONLY BEEN IN FOUR
21 MONTHS, WHY IS OUR PROJECTION SO FAR OFF ON THE NUMBER OF
22 KIDS?

23
24 **PHILLIP BROWNING:** WELL BECAUSE INITIALLY WE WERE PROJECTING
25 THAT ONLY ABOUT HALF OF THE KIDS WOULD SAY THEY WANT TO STAY



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1 IN OUR CARE AND GET A PAYMENT MADE ON THEIR BEHALF. IT TURNS
2 OUT THAT THAT'S MORE LIKE 80 PERCENT OR MORE. AND THOSE
3 PERCENTAGES WERE BASED ON SOME NATIONAL STUDIES WHICH TURNED
4 NOT TO BE ACCURATE FOR CALIFORNIA. ALSO, THERE'S A GROUP HOME
5 INCREASE THAT'S BEING PROPOSED THAT'S MUCH MORE THAN ANYONE
6 THOUGHT. THAT HASN'T BEEN DECIDED BY THE COURTS YET. BUT
7 THERE'S LIKELIHOOD THAT WE WILL ACTUALLY HAVE TO PAY AS A
8 COUNTY MORE FOR THE COST OF CARE FOR SOME OF THE YOUTH THAT
9 WE'RE CURRENTLY SERVING.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I MEAN, I WOULD BE INTERESTED FOR YOU TO
12 WORK WITH RON TO FIND OUT WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT THIS TRAILER
13 BILL LANGUAGE. AT LEAST PUSH BACK AND TRY TO HOLD THE STATE TO
14 THEIR COMMITMENT.

15

16 **PHILLIP BROWNING:** RIGHT. I'VE TALKED WITH OTHER COUNTIES AND
17 I'VE TALKED WITH OUR ADVOCACY GROUPS. AND I'M FAIRLY CONFIDENT
18 THAT BECAUSE OF L.A., THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO PREVAIL
19 AND GET THE POWERS THAT BE TO LISTEN TO US AND MAKE THIS AN
20 ACCEPTABLE PROGRAM FOR US.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** BECAUSE THIS HAS HAPPENED SO MANY TIMES. AND THIS
23 TWO YEARS AGO WHEN I ASKED THE SAME QUESTION, IT'S HUNKY DORY,
24 THE STATE'S GOING TO HOLD.

25



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1 **PHILLIP BROWNING:** RIGHT.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST HOPE THAT WE CONTINUE TO WATCH THIS VERY
4 CLOSELY BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN AGAIN SOON AT SOME OTHER
5 THING AND WE CAN'T CONTINUE TO FALL FOR THIS BAIT AND SWITCH
6 THAT THEY CONTINUE TO DO TO US. SO WOULD YOU GET BACK TO US
7 WITH RYAN ON THE TRAILER BILL LANGUAGE TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO
8 AND PUSH BACK AND WHAT THE OTHER COUNTIES ARE DOING?

9

10 **PHILLIP BROWNING:** RIGHT. WE HAD STAFF WORKING OVER THE WEEKEND
11 AND AS LATE AS THIS MORNING, I HAD SOME INPUT FROM OUR FOLKS
12 IN SACRAMENTO THAT I THINK IT WILL BE ACCEPTABLE WHEN IT'S ALL
13 SAID AND DONE.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

16

17 **PHILLIP BROWNING:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** WITH THAT I THINK WE'LL JUST CONTINUE THE ITEM, I
20 THINK IT'S BEEN RECOMMENDED TO BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK. IS THAT
21 CORRECT? WE WILL CONTINUE IT ONE WEEK.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THIS ITEM.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** PHILLIP, THEN YOU CAN COME BACK IN ONE WEEK. WE'VE
2 CONTINUED THE ITEM ONE WEEK AND MAYBE WE COULD HAVE AN UPDATE
3 ON THE TRAILER LANGUAGE BY THEN.

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** RIGHT. THE DEPARTMENT HAD REQUESTED A ONE
6 WEEK CONTINUANCE.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SO ORDERED. IS THAT IT
9 FOR YOU, DON?

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** NO, I HAD A COUPLE OTHER ONES. ITEM 53, I WILL
12 LIFT MY HOLD AND WE CAN MOVE THE ITEM.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** 53? LET ME JUST GET TO THAT ITEM
15 HERE. OKAY. MOVED RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY MOLINA, WITHOUT
16 OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** THE NEXT ONE WAS I'D LIKE TO CONTINUE ITEM 74 ONE
19 WEEK, PLEASE. AND I'LL WITHHOLD MY QUESTIONS. OKAY?

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
22 ORDERED. CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

23



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK THAT TAKES CARE OF ME OTHER THAN ITEM 20
2 WAS ON THE TABLE. DID YOU FIND ANYTHING OUT, BILL? BILL, DID
3 YOU FIND ANYTHING OUT ON 20? OKAY.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL BRING IT BACK UP WHEN HE
6 GETS IT. OKAY. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE THE FOLLOWING ADJOURNMENTS.
9 GEORGE KAWADA, HE PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 3. HIS DAUGHTER, JOAN,
10 WAS MY LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY, JOAN KOWATA-CHAN IN SACRAMENTO.
11 HE LEAVES HIS DAUGHTERS JOAN, LYNN, ANN, AND GRANDCHILDREN. IT
12 WAS A WONDERFUL FAMILY. JOHN ZAMRZLA, SR. WHO PASSED AWAY AT
13 THE AGE OF 99 RESIDENT OF LANCASTER. HIS SON, JOHNNY IS THE
14 PRESIDENT OF THE WESTERN-PACIFIC REGIONAL ROOFING CORPORATION
15 AND THREE GRANDCHILDREN. THE SON IS THE ONE WHO REPAIRED, AT
16 COST, THE PENTAGON, WHICH WAS DESTROYED IN THAT 9/11 ATTACK
17 WHEN THAT AIRPLANE CRASHED AT THE PENTAGON. MONSIGNOR EDMOND
18 MICHAEL RENEHAN PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 77. HE WAS FROM
19 IRELAND. SPENT 53 YEARS AS A PRIEST. IN 1973, HE HAD MOVED TO
20 THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WHERE HE WAS ASSIGNED TO OUR LADY OF
21 PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH IN NEWHALL. MONSIGNOR ED WAS NAMED THE
22 FOUNDING PASTOR OF ST. CLARE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CANYON COUNTRY
23 IN 1977 AND REMAINED THERE UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 2008. HE
24 WAS THE FORCE BEHIND THE FOUNDING AND BUILDING OF THE SANTA
25 CLARITA VALLEY'S THIRD CATHOLIC PARISH, BLESSED KATERI. IN



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1 ADDITION TO HIS PASTORAL WORK HE SERVED AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
2 ARCHDIOCESE BUILDING COMMITTEE, VICE CHAIR OF THE ARCHDIOCESE
3 FINANCE COUNCIL, THE DEAN OF PRIESTS AT THE SANTA CLARITA
4 ANTELOPE VALLEYS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS BROTHERS JIM AND TOM
5 AND 10 NIECES AND NEPHEWS, SIX GREAT NIECES AND NEPHEWS AND
6 PARISH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. CAROLINE MARTINEZ OF COVINA, FORMER
7 BOTTLER AT MILLER'S BREWERY, WAS A MEMBER OF THE AMVETS
8 AUXILIARY POST 113 IN THE CITY OF IRWINDALE. SHE IS SURVIVED
9 BY HER HUSBAND, MARTY. MADELYN ELIAS OF LA VERNE, GRADUATE OF
10 BISHOP AMAT HIGH SCHOOL, AND GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
11 CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE. SHE WAS A TEACHING CREDENTIAL WAS
12 RECEIVED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE. SHE SERVED AT
13 MAGNOLIA AND DALTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN THE AZUSA UNIFIED
14 SCHOOL DISTRICT. AND HER DAUGHTER LIVES IN LA VERNE. NILS
15 ARTHUR OTTOSSON PASSED AWAY ON MAY 7 AT THE AGE OF 83. HE IS
16 THE FATHER-IN-LAW OF MY FORMER, SAN DIMAS AND MY DEPUTY KAREN
17 HAN WHO NOW WORKS FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
18 DEPARTMENT. AND THE FATHER OF PAUL OTTOSSON, ACADEMY AWARD
19 WINNER FOR THE FILM, "THE HURT LOCKER." HE LEAVES HIS WIFE AND
20 HIS SON AND GRANDSON, THEO. MERRIE NOEL DENTON, SHE WAS KNOWN
21 AS "THE LITTLE GENERAL." SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 68. SHE
22 IS FROM THE GLENDORA COMMUNITY. THOMAS JOHN GABRIEL, GREW UP
23 IN GLENDORA AND EARNED HIS DEGREE FROM CAL POLY SAN LUIS
24 OBISPO. SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY AND WORKED WITH
25 NORTHROP GRUMMAN AT GENERAL DYNAMICS AS WELL. ERMA SALDATE.



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1 SHE WORKED WITH THE TRI-CITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER. WAS
2 FOUNDING CHAIR OF THE GOVERNING BOARD FOR THE SAN GABRIEL
3 HOUSING AND HOMELESS COORDINATING COUNCIL. A LOVING WIFE,
4 MOTHER AND FRIEND. JOANNE MONEY, 50-YEAR RESIDENT OF PALMDALE,
5 MEMBER OF THE LADIES AUXILIARY QUARTZ HILL VETERANS OF FOREIGN
6 WARS POST 3000. ROBERT GREGGORY WILLIAMS, ANTELOPE VALLEY,
7 ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE DESERT VINEYARD CHURCH. MARY B. SPECK,
8 EDUCATOR, TAUGHT AT -- ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN GLENDORA FOR 36
9 YEARS. EARNED HER MASTER'S FROM PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY. WHEN
10 SHE RETIRED FROM EDUCATION, SHE THEN BECAME AN ACTIVE
11 VOLUNTEER AT THE HUNTINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN GLENDORA'S
12 SUPPORT GROUP. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 61 YEARS,
13 RICHARD. SO THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. ON ITEM 73 AND 84, I
14 HAD SOME QUESTIONS.

15
16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SORRY. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
17 UNANIMOUS VOTE ON THE ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

18
19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON 73 AND 84, IF COULD WE HAVE THE DEPARTMENT
20 COME UP. I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS?

21
22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. ANTONOVICH, WHILE THEY ARE
23 COMING UP, I HAVE A MOTION I WANT TO PUT IN ON THIS.

24
25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GO AHEAD.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I WON'T READ THE WHOLE MOTION
3 JUST THE RESOLVED PART. IT'S PRESENTED BY MYSELF AND
4 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. AND IT REQUESTS THAT 73 AND 84 BE
5 CONTINUED FOR 60 DAYS AND THAT INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
6 WORKS TO WITHIN 14 DAYS UPDATE THE COST EFFECTIVENESS STUDY TO
7 ACCOUNT FOR EXPECTED INCREASES IN THE COST OF ELECTRICITY AND
8 INCLUDE ALL AFFECTED BUILDING TYPES IN THAT ANALYSIS. AND
9 NUMBER 2, WITHIN THE NEXT 30 DAYS ANALYZE WHETHER IN ORDER TO
10 REMAIN CONSISTENT WITH THE INTENT OF THE L.A. COUNTY'S
11 EXISTING GREEN BUILDING ORDINANCE, ALL RESIDENTIAL
12 DEVELOPMENTS OF MORE THAN FOUR UNITS SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO
13 COMPLY WITH CAL GREEN TIER 1 AND PREPARE AN ALTERNATIVE
14 VERSION OF THE ORDINANCE THAT INCLUDES THIS REQUIREMENT. AND 3
15 INSTRUCT THAT THE UPDATED COST EFFECTIVENESS INFORMATION BE
16 POSTED WITHIN 14 DAYS TO GREEN.L.A. COUNTY.GOV AND THE
17 WEBSITES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING AND PUBLIC
18 WORKS AND THAT A SUMMARY OF THE UPDATED COST EFFECTIVENESS
19 INFORMATION BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE UPDATED LETTER, THE BOARD
20 LETTER. BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS IT IS TO BE PUT OVER FOR 60
21 DAYS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAD A MOTION SIMILAR TO THAT, SO THAT'S
24 GOOD. SOME OF THE QUESTIONS, CAL GREEN SERVES AS THE STATEWIDE
25 CODE FOR GREEN BUILDINGS AND HAD BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY THE



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1 BUILDING INDUSTRY AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS FOR ITS BALANCE AND
2 CONSISTENT SET OF STATEWIDE STANDARDS. HOWEVER, THE DEPARTMENT
3 IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF UPDATING IT. AND THE QUESTIONS: IS
4 THE 15 PERCENT INCREASE ABOVE CAL GREEN COSTS EFFECTIVE?

5

6 **RAJ PATEL:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS MAY BE ANSWERED
9 IN THE FOLLOW-UP FROM THE MOTION WHERE WE CONTINUE IT FOR
10 THOSE 60 DAYS. SO QUESTIONS THAT I WOULD LIKE ANSWERED IN THAT
11 REPORT-BACK.

12

13 **RAJ PATEL:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. RAJ PATEL, PUBLIC WORKS. IN
14 RESPONSE TO YOUR QUESTION ABOUT THE 15 PERCENT ENERGY
15 REQUIREMENT, WE ARE UPDATING THE STATE CODE, CAL GREEN. THE
16 OBJECTIVE OF THIS ORDINANCE WAS TO COME FORWARD WITH
17 AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE CODE. CURRENTLY WHAT WE HAVE NOW IS
18 WE'VE -- YOUR BOARD HAS ADOPTED THE STATE CAL GREEN CODE IN
19 2010. WE'VE COME FORWARD SINCE THEN WITH -- PRIOR TO THAT, I'M
20 SORRY, SUPERVISOR. PRIOR TO THAT IN 2008 THERE WAS A COUNTY
21 ORDINANCE WHEREBY THERE WERE TWO GREEN ORDINANCES PASSED AND
22 ONE LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE PASSED. THOSE ORDINANCES
23 WERE FILED IN TITLE 22 AND TITLE 12. SUBSEQUENT TO THAT, THE
24 STATE OF CALIFORNIA PASSED ITS OWN CAL GREEN CODE IN 2010,
25 WHICH IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW, THIS BOARD ADOPTED. THE



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1 SALIENT POINT OF THAT ACTION WAS THAT IT THEN CREATED ALL
2 GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS TO BE BUILDING STANDARDS. IN
3 ACCORDANCE WITH THAT, WHEN IT WAS ATTEMPTED TO UPDATE THE
4 COUNTY ORDINANCES WITH THE LATEST THIRD-PARTY VERSIONS, WHAT
5 WE NEEDED TO DO WAS GO IN FRONT OF YOUR BOARD WITH AN
6 ORDINANCE THAT HAD BOTH AN ORDINANCE AND COST-EFFECTIVE
7 FINDINGS AS WELL AS NORMAL FINDINGS. AND THEN AFTER WE CAME TO
8 YOUR BOARD, THE IDEA WAS WE WOULD GO TO THE BUILDING STANDARDS
9 COMMISSION AND THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION FOR FINAL
10 APPROVAL.

11
12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT THE
13 HOMEOWNER WOULD RECOUP THE COSTS OF THE ADDITIONAL
14 IMPROVEMENTS? PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION?

15
16 **RAJ PATEL:** IT DID. IT IS PART OF THE PACKAGE. WHAT WE DID
17 THERE WAS IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW, ANY TIME YOU PASS
18 ENERGY RESTRICTIONS THAT ARE MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN STATE LAW,
19 YOU HAVE TO MAKE COST-EFFECTIVE FINDINGS. WE ASKED SOUTHERN
20 CALIFORNIA EDISON AND THEIR ENERGY EXPERTS TO HELP US IN THAT
21 REGARD. THEY PROVIDED US WITH THE INFORMATION THAT WE WOULD BE
22 SUBMITTING TO YOU. DEPENDING ON WHICH CLIMATE ZONE YOU'RE IN,
23 SUPERVISOR, THE PAYBACK PERIODS VARY. FOR EXAMPLE, FOR A
24 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE OF 2,000 SQUARE FEET, THAT PAYBACK
25 COULD VARY ANYWHERE BETWEEN 8 YEARS AND 26 YEARS.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE COST TO COMPLY WITH THE STANDARDS
3 VARY BY CLIMATE. SO WOULD THE FIFTH DISTRICT RESIDENTS AND
4 BUSINESSES PAY MORE TO COMPLY THAN AREAS BY THE COAST? BECAUSE
5 WE DO HAVE SNOW THAT IMPACTS MY DISTRICT, SOME OF MY DISTRICT
6 RESIDENTS.

7

8 **RAJ PATEL:** THE COST-EFFECTIVE STUDY WAS PERFORMED FOR A
9 VARIETY OF BUILDINGS AND DIFFERENT SIZES. IT'S DIFFICULT TO
10 SAY ONE BUILDING TO THE NEXT. IT VARIES. SO IN SOME CLIMATE,
11 IN YOUR CLIMATE ZONE, FOR EXAMPLE, IN CLIMATE ZONES 14 AND 16,
12 THERE ARE PAYBACK PERIODS THAT WILL BE LONGER. THERE ARE ALSO
13 PAYBACK PERIODS THAT WILL BE LONGER FOR SOME OF THE
14 OCCUPANCIES BY THE COAST.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO WE SEE A MAJORITY OF THE ENERGY LOST IN
17 NEW CONSTRUCTION OR OLD BUILDINGS? AND DOES IT MAKE SENSE TO
18 SQUEEZE THE NEW CONSTRUCTION MARKET?

19

20 **RAJ PATEL:** TYPICALLY THE ENERGY REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN IN
21 EFFECT SINCE 1978 FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS, AND 1982 FOR
22 RESIDENTIAL. BECAUSE OF THAT, NEW CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN BUILT
23 TO A MUCH MORE STRINGENT STANDARD THAN CONSTRUCTION WAS PRIOR
24 TO THOSE DATES. THERE IS DEFINITELY A LOT OF ENERGY LOSS THAT
25 OCCURS ON BUILDINGS BUILT PRIOR TO '78. HOWEVER, THE STATE OF



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1 CALIFORNIA CONTINUES TO REQUIRE BUILDINGS THAT ARE BUILT TO
2 CURRENT STANDARDS TO BE RATCHETED UP AS TIME GOES ON.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DID THE DEPARTMENT CONDUCT A COST
5 ANALYSIS OF INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FACILITIES?

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7 **RAJ PATEL:** THE DEPARTMENT DID NOT CONDUCT A SEPARATE STUDY FOR
8 INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS. WE DID PARTNER WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
9 EDISON TO WORK ON OUR COST-EFFECTIVE STUDIES. THEIR
10 CONSULTANTS RECOMMEND THAT HAD WE PICK PARTICULAR TYPES OF
11 OCCUPANCIES, WHICH THEY PICKED SMALL RESIDENTIAL, MULTI-FAMILY
12 -- SMALL RESIDENTIAL, LARGE RESIDENTIAL, MULTI-FAMILY AND
13 OFFICE BUILDINGS. IT WAS THEIR OPINION THAT OFFICE BUILDINGS
14 BEST SERVED AS A MODEL FOR COMMERCIAL-TYPE OCCUPANCIES.
15 HOWEVER, I DO NOT KNOW WHAT THE RESULTS WOULD BE FOR
16 INDUSTRIAL TYPE FACILITIES.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WE COULD FIND OUT THAT INFORMATION?

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20 **RAJ PATEL:** YES, SIR.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DID THE DEPARTMENT CONDUCT A COST ANALYSIS ON
23 THE PROPOSED TIER 1 AND TIER MANDATES?

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1 **RAJ PATEL:** NO, WE DID NOT. STATE LAW ONLY REQUIRES US TO DO
2 COST-EFFECTIVE STUDIES FOR MEASURES THAT INCREASE ENERGY
3 COMPLIANCE. THE TIER 1 AND TIER 2 GREEN BUILDING COMPONENTS OF
4 THE ORDINANCE ONLY HAVE TO BE FILED WITH THE BUILDING
5 STANDARDS COMMISSION WITH FINDINGS THAT THEY ARE EITHER
6 CLIMATIC, TOPOGRAPHIC OR GEOLOGIC.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT OTHER MUNICIPALITIES MANDATE TIER 1 AND
9 TIER 2?

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11 **RAJ PATEL:** WE DID A STUDY IN DECEMBER OF 22 JURISDICTIONS THAT
12 WERE LOCAL. OF THOSE, WE FOUND THE MAJORITY OF THEM USED THE
13 STATE GREEN BUILDING CODE AS THEIR MANDATORY MINIMUMS. THERE
14 WERE THREE CITIES THAT USED TIER 1 AND TIER 2. TWO OF THOSE
15 CITIES USED TIER 1 AND TIER 2 ONLY FOR COMMERCIAL OCCUPANCIES
16 AND THEY HAD A MUCH HIGHER THRESHOLD THAN WHAT WE'RE PROPOSING
17 -- MUCH LOWER THRESHOLD -- HIGHER THRESHOLD, I'M SORRY, THAN
18 WE'RE PROPOSING. AND THE THIRD CITY USED IT ONLY FOR CITY
19 MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THE STATE MAKING CHANGES TO CAL GREEN NOW?

22

23 **RAJ PATEL:** YES, THEY ARE. THERE WILL BE CHANGES COMING OUT
24 THIS JULY THAT AFFECT ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS TO COMMERCIAL



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1 BUILDING STOCK. IN ADDITION TO THAT, THERE'S MORE CHANGES
2 PROJECTED FOR THE 2014.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THAT THE LEGISLATURE, OR IS IT THEIR
5 REGULATORY AGENCY THAT'S DOING IT?

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7 **RAJ PATEL:** IT'S THE REGULATORY AGENCY THAT'S DOING IT,
8 CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. I'LL DELETE WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY,
11 EXCEPT JUST DO THE THEREFORE MOVE. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S
12 MOTION I'D ALSO LIKE TO HAVE A MOTION THAT READS THAT THE
13 BOARD DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENTS OF
14 REGIONAL PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS TO IDENTIFY THE GREEN
15 BUILDING PROVISIONS IN TITLE 22 WITH THAT REPORT BACK IN 60
16 DAYS, LIKE SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S 60 DAYS, IN WHICH ANY OF
17 THESE PROVISIONS ARE LEGALLY ENFORCEABLE FOR THOSE GREEN
18 BUILDING PROVISIONS IN TITLE 22 THAT ARE LEGALLY ENFORCEABLE
19 AND ARE IN CONFLICT WITH TITLE 31, AN EXPLANATION ON HOW THE
20 DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED TO ENFORCE THOSE PROVISIONS IF ENACTED.

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22 **RAJ PATEL:** YES, SIR.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED ON THAT MOTION. AND ON
25 MY MOTION, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS SECONDS. WITHOUT



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1 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THAT MOTION. SO WE CONTINUE THIS FOR
2 60 DAYS AND WE'LL GET THE REPORT BACK ON THE TWO MOTIONS,
3 WHAT'S CONTAINED IN THEM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO CALL UP ITEM 14.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 14. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF
8 PEOPLE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM, SO WHY DON'T WE --
9 IS ARNOLD SACHS HERE? HE IS NOT HERE. MARK FAUCETTE, I'M GOING
10 TO CALL FOUR PEOPLE UP. IF YOU WANT TO BE COMING DOWN HERE.
11 JAYTON DAVIS, NYABINGI KUTI AND JOSEPH MAIZLISH. IS MR.
12 FAUCETTE HERE? THAT'S YOU. AND JAYTON DAVIS? HE'S COMING,
13 OKAY. GREAT. MR. FAUCETTE, WELCOME.

14

15 **MARK FAUCETTE:** THANK YOU, MY NAME IS MARK FAUCETTE, I AM CHAIR
16 OF THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL REENTRY PARTNERSHIP AND ALSO VICE
17 PRESIDENT OF AMITY FOUNDATION. I'M IN FAVOR OF ITEM 14 BECAUSE
18 IN THE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION AND FAITH-BASED
19 ORGANIZATIONS IN LOS ANGELES, WE NEED TO HAVE THE FUNDING IN
20 PLACE TO OFFER SERVICES TO MEN AND WOMEN COMING BACK TO OUR
21 COMMUNITY FROM JAILS AND PRISON. WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH
22 VERY COMMITTED COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES STAFF TO INCREASE THE
23 NAVIGATION TO THESE SERVICES. THE MORE WE ALL WORK TOGETHER
24 WITH THIS NEW RESPONSIBILITY, THE BETTER RESULTS WE WILL HAVE.
25 THIS INCLUDES AT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE EDUCATION-BASED



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1 INCARCERATION MODEL, AT THE JAIL, THE JAIL IN-REACH SERVICES
2 WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE COMMUNITY TRANSITION UNIT, AS WELL AS
3 PROBATION TO MAKE SURE OUR L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE RECEIVING
4 THE SERVICES THEY NEED TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF INCARCERATION.
5 THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. DAVIS?

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9 **JAYTON DAVIS:** HELLO, MY TRUTH IS THAT THIS SYSTEM IS VERY
10 CORRUPT AND ALWAYS HAS BEEN FROM MY EXPERIENCE IN THIS COUNTRY
11 IS THAT AMERICA TRIES ITS BEST TO HIDE AND IGNORE THE FACT
12 THAT THIS COUNTRY IS NOT FOUNDED BY FREE ENTERPRISE; IT WAS
13 FOUNDED ON SLAVERY AND FORCED LABOR AND THE DEATHS OF BILLIONS
14 OF PEOPLE OF ALL AGES, COLORS AND CREEDS. AND THAT YOU GUYS'
15 POWER IS BASED ON MONEY, YOUR POSITION AND AUTHORITY, NOT BY
16 YOUR COMPASSION FOR THE PEOPLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY, NOR YOUR
17 UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THEY GO THROUGH OR HOW THEY ARE AFFECTED
18 BY YOUR RATIONALIZING TO HELP THEM AND THEIR CONDITIONS. I'M A
19 YOUTH ORGANIZER FROM L.A. ASKING THE CITY TO REDIRECT 1
20 PERCENT OF SUPPRESSION DOLLARS FOR 100 PERCENT OPPORTUNITIES
21 FOR YOUTH BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN LIVING FOR 20 YEARS ONLY TO HAVE
22 REALIZED THE TOTALITY OF NATURE AND EVERY ASPECT OF LIFE HAS
23 BEEN REDUCED TO MONEY. AND MONEY IS NOT A NATURAL PHENOMENON.
24 AND NEITHER IS POVERTY. BUT YOU GUYS AGREE WITH THIS SYSTEM OF
25 MANIPULATION BY HAVING POWER OVER THE POPULATION THROUGH POWER



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1 STRUCTURE WHERE A FEW OVERRULES THE MAJORITY DUE TO THEIR
2 FINANCIAL POSITION AND AUTHORITY INSTEAD OF TRUE MORALITY AND
3 RATIONAL DECISION MAKING WITH THE COMMUNITY ACTUALLY ENGAGED
4 IN THE PROCESS AND KNOWING WE HAVE THE POWER TO DECIDE OUR
5 FAMILIES' FATE IN THIS SOCIETY. THE SYSTEM HAS MADE IT
6 IMPOSSIBLE TO EXIST WITHOUT MONEY. SO I SPEAK FOR THE LOW
7 INCOME FAMILIES THAT AREN'T ABLE TO SHOW YOU THEIR FRUSTRATION
8 BECAUSE THEY'RE DEALING WITH STARVATION, HOMELESSNESS AND LACK
9 OF JOBS AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. I GO TO THE BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS WEEKLY TO PROPOSE THE IDEA OF CONTRIBUTING MONEY
11 TO YOUTH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS WHICH WILL PRODUCE MORE JOBS FOR
12 YOUTH BECAUSE I BELIEVE WE PAY OUR YOUTH IN THE COMMUNITY VERY
13 LITTLE ATTENTION AND THROUGH THE HISTORY OF AMERICA, WE PAY
14 BILLIONS FOR JAIL EXPANSION AND SPEND BILLIONS ON WAR. AND
15 THIS REFLECTS ON THE LARGE-SCALE IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND
16 SCHOOLS WHERE THEY SAY WE ARE THE CAUSE OF VIOLENCE, BUT I
17 DISAGREE. WHEN I TURN ON THE T.V., ARE CONSTANTLY HARASSED BY
18 THE BIGGEST GANG IN THE CITY WHO CLAIM TO PROTECT US AND THE
19 SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC WITH HANDCUFFS, GUNS, TASERS, PEPPER
20 SPRAYS, BATONS, CANINE DOGS. AND IF WE HAVE FUNDING FOR ALL OF
21 THAT BUT NONE FOR SCHOOLS WHERE KIDS ARE TAUGHT VERY LOW
22 EDUCATION AND TRADITIONALLY MAKE NO MONEY FOR 12 YEARS OF
23 THEIR TIME IN SCHOOL, WHICH I BELIEVE IS UNFAIR, THAT WE ARE
24 LEGALLY REQUIRED TO GO TO SCHOOLS THAT IRONICALLY MAKE US
25 DUMBER AND QUALIFY FOR JOBS THAT MAKE US POORER. AND IF WE



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1 DON'T GO AND TRY TO PICK UP TRADES OR ANOTHER FORM OF
2 FINANCIAL STABILITY, WE HAVE TO PAY WITH OUR FAMILIES AND OUR
3 PARENTS' LIVES DUE TO OUR ATTENDANCE BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T
4 AFFORD TO GET US TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY. SO I'M SAYING WE NEED
5 ALTERNATIVES AND PLANS FOR PUTTING MONEY IN THE YOUTH'S FUTURE
6 AND NOT FOCUS ON THE FUTURE OF THE MILITARY AND LIFE IN
7 PRISON. [APPLAUSE.]

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MR. KUTI?

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11 **NYABINGI KUTI:** THANK YOU, PRESIDENT. MY NAME IS NYABINGI KUTI,
12 AND I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE L.A. REINTEGRATION
13 CAMPAIGN. WE ARE A COALITION OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE SEEKING
14 TO PREVENT THE LEVEL OF RECIDIVISM, HIGH RECIDIVISM FROM BEING
15 TRANSFERRED FROM THE STATE TO THE COUNTY. AND THAT LOOKS LIKE
16 THAT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH OUR A.B.109 POPULATION RIGHT NOW,
17 IS THAT THE INCARCERATION OPTIONS ARE MORE BEING PURSUED MORE
18 THAN THE REHABILITATIVE OPTIONS. AND THE COMMUNITY AND FAITH-
19 BASED ORGANIZATIONS ARE ACTUALLY SUFFERING GREATLY MANY ARE
20 GOING OUT OF BUSINESS BECAUSE OF THE COUNTY POLICY OF
21 CONTRACTING. I OPPOSE THE EXPENDITURES PROVIDED IN THE LINE
22 AGENDA ITEM A-14 BECAUSE THERE IS NO COMMUNITY PROVISIONS FOR
23 FUNDING IN THAT. I KNOW THAT THERE HAVE BEEN CONTRACTS ISSUED
24 FROM THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT FOR C.B.O.S AND F.B.O.S THAT
25 HAVE SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT THAT'S



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1 ACTUALLY PULLED A MAJOR CONTRACT THAT WAS NEEDED BY THE
2 C.B.O.S AND F.B.O.S TO CONTINUE FUNCTIONING. AND I WOULD LIKE
3 TO SEE THE SAME COMPASSION SHOWN FOR THE JAPANESE INTERNMENT,
4 MASS INTERNMENT ISSUES SHOWN FOR THE MASS INCARCERATION THAT
5 HAS BEEN CAUSED HERE. L.A. COUNTY IS ONE OF THE MAIN FEEDERS
6 INTO THE STATE PRISON SYSTEM. AND THAT IS WHY WE HAVE ONE OF
7 THE BIGGEST JAIL POPULATIONS IN THE NATION AND MAYBE EVEN IN
8 THE WORLD. THERE ARE MODELS FOR THE COMMUNITY TO RECEIVE
9 FUNDING FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, PRIMARILY ALAMEDA
10 COUNTY HAS SHOWN A MODEL THROUGH PROBATION CHIEF DAVID
11 MOHAMMED THAT WAS HERE THROUGH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S
12 EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS. HE STATED THAT THEIR BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS ALLOCATED 25 PERCENT OF ALL A.B.109 FUNDING TO
14 C.B.O.S AND F.B.O.S, SO TO SAY THAT IT CAN'T BE DONE OR IT'S
15 TOO HARD OR FOR SOME REASON WHY IT'S NOT BEING DONE HERE IN
16 OUR COUNTY, THAT IS CAUSING A SERIOUS PROBLEM. AND IT'S ALSO
17 LINKED TO THE JAIL EXPANSION THAT'S BEING PROPOSED IN ANOTHER
18 AGENDA ITEM. SO LOOK AT -- I'M JUST ASKING THE SUPERVISORS TO
19 SERIOUSLY LOOK AT ISSUES OTHER THAN INCARCERATION AND
20 REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, THANK YOU.

21
22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. KUTI. BEFORE I ASK
23 MR. MAIZLISH TO SPEAK, LET ME CALL UP SHEILA PINKEL, MARY
24 SUTTON. MR. MAIZLISH.



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1 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** GOOD MORNING OR GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS.
2 MY NAME'S JOSEPH MAIZLISH, NATIVE AND RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY.
3 SOME OF MY WORK TIME IS WITH -- AS A PSYCHOTHERAPIST WITH
4 VICTIMS OF CRIME. AND I'M CONCERNED IN READING THE PROPOSAL
5 FOR TODAY, I SEE ON PAGE 7 SOME NUMBERS GIVEN UP FOR THE
6 EXPECTED INCREASE IN JAIL POPULATION DUE TO RE-ALIGNMENT. BUT
7 THAT PART GIVES ME THE FEELING THAT MAYBE THE COMPOSERS OF
8 THIS RECOMMENDATION DIDN'T SEE WHAT YOU COULD SEE IN THE
9 REPORTS THAT YOU YOURSELVES HAVE COMMISSIONED, THE REPORT FROM
10 THE VERY INSTITUTE, THE AUSTIN REPORT, ALSO SOME OTHER
11 SUBMITTED RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE A.C.L.U., PUTTING INTO
12 QUESTION WHETHER OR NOT THERE WOULD BE SUCH A GROWTH DUE TO
13 RE-ALIGNMENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT A COUPLE MONTHS AGO PROBATION
14 CHIEF POWERS HIMSELF SAID THAT THE RE-INCARCERATION FOR THE
15 RELEASEES UNDER THE ALIGNMENT WAS NOT AS HIGH AS HAD BEEN
16 EXPECTED. IMAGINE IF THERE WERE EXPENDITURES ON THE SERVICES
17 THAT ARE IN THOSE REPORTS RECOMMENDED IN THOSE AND OTHER
18 REPORTS WHY THE RATE COULD BE EVEN LOWER. AND THIS WOULD HAVE
19 AN EFFECT ON ALL PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTION. I DON'T WANT US TO BE
20 LOOKING IN THIS COUNTY AT BUILDINGS THAT ARE -- JAILS THAT
21 HAVE BEEN BUILT AND THAT ARE HALF EMPTY BECAUSE THE COMMUNITY
22 PROGRAMS ARE SUCCEEDING AS INDICATIONS ARE THAT THEY COULD. I
23 ALSO -- IT MIGHT EVEN BE WORSE TO LOOK AT JAILS THAT ARE FULL
24 OF PEOPLE WHO WERE THERE BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T GET THE WELL-
25 TUNED SUPPORT AND MONITORING THAT COULD HAVE KEPT THEIR



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1 RECIDIVISM FROM HAPPENING. SO THOSE ARE SOME OF THE CONCERNS.
2 I NOTICE THAT IN THE A.B.900 SPECIAL ORDER YOU'RE GOING TO
3 DISCUSS I THINK LATER ON TODAY, IT INCLUDES A REQUIREMENT TO
4 STUDY ALTERNATIVES BEFORE THINGS ARE DONE. I REMEMBER IN
5 JANUARY SUPERVISOR MOLINA SAID, "WHAT ARE WE DOING TALKING
6 ABOUT CONSTRUCTION WHEN THERE HASN'T BEEN SERIOUS UNDERTAKING
7 OF REPORTS?" YOU'VE HAD SOME OF THEM FOR SIX MONTHS. SO I
8 WOULD SAY BECAUSE OF THAT LACK OF REAL CLARITY ABOUT WHAT
9 THESE PROGRAMS CAN DO, LET'S NOT DEVELOP A MOMENTUM FOR
10 CONSTRUCTION, WHICH IS WHAT THIS AND THE A.B.900 ITEM HAVE IN
11 IT. LET'S, INSTEAD, DO THAT STUDY, GET THAT DONE. PEOPLE WANT
12 OUTCOME RESULTS TO COMPARE, FINE. WE SHOULD ALSO HAVE THE
13 OUTCOME RESULTS, BY THE WAY, FROM THE INCARCERATION SYSTEM. I
14 BELIEVE WE HAVE THEM AND THEY ARE NOT ENCOURAGING. SO LET'S
15 BUILD SOMETHING ELSE, PLEASE. AND I SUGGEST PAUSE, WAITING ON
16 THIS UNTIL STUDY IS A SERIOUS STUDY AND A REAL FAIR TRIAL IS
17 DONE.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. APPRECIATE IT. SHEILA
20 PINKEL?

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22 **SHEILA PINKEL:** I'M A MEMBER OF CURB AND I'M ALSO A PROFESSOR
23 AT POMONA COLLEGE. AND I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE OF MY DEEP
24 CONCERN ABOUT RECIDIVISM, ESPECIALLY IN THE STATE OF
25 CALIFORNIA. IT'S AT A 70 PERCENT LEVEL. AND I AM CONCERNED



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1 THAT THE BUDGET FOR A.B.109 IS NOT GOING TO HELP THAT IN ANY
2 WAY. AND SO I'M HERE TO ARGUE THAT WE NEED MUCH MORE IN TERMS
3 OF COMMUNITY-BASED SOCIAL SERVICES AS OPPOSED TO THE BUDGET
4 ALLOCATIONS THAT ARE IN A.B.109. I PERSONALLY HAVE BEEN
5 WORKING ON TWO PROGRAMS. ONE IS A COMMUNITY-BASED BOOT CAMP
6 PROGRAM IN THE LEIMERT PARK AREA WHERE PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO
7 STOP AT-RISK YOUTH FROM GOING INTO DETENTION CENTERS BY
8 OFFERING SOCIAL SERVICES TO THOSE YOUNGSTERS AND TO THEIR
9 PARENTS. AND I SEE THAT THOSE PROGRAMS ARE STARTING TO HAVE AN
10 IMPACT ON PEOPLE BEFORE THEY GET INTO THE CRIMINAL SYSTEM. AND
11 I ALSO WORK WITH WOMEN WHO HAVE JUST GOTTEN OUT OF PRISON. AND
12 I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THEM PARTIALLY JUST TO TRY TO
13 UNDERSTAND WHAT KIND OF CHALLENGES THEY FACE. AND SO, FOR
14 INSTANCE, TO GIVE YOU ONE EXAMPLE, I TOOK ONE WOMAN TO TRADE
15 TECH TO GET HER ENROLLED, AND, YES, SHE COULD GET INTO TRADE
16 TECH, AND YES, SHE COULD GET FUNDING FROM THE STATE FOR HER
17 BOOKS AND FOR HER TUITION, BUT SHE COULDN'T FIND MONEY FOR HER
18 HOUSING OR HER EMPLOYMENT OR EVEN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SO
19 THAT SHE COULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY.
20 AND SO I WATCHED THE ENTIRE THING IMplode FOR HER BECAUSE OF
21 THE LACK OF THESE OTHER KINDS OF SUPPORT SYSTEMS. THIS KIND OF
22 CONCERN IS BEING EXHIBITED THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. DAVID
23 COAL, WHO'S A PROFESSOR OF LAW AT GEORGETOWN LAW SCHOOL HAS
24 SAID TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT DENT IN THE PRISON ON NUMBERS, WE
25 MUST HAVE MUCH MORE MONEY INVESTED IN INNER CITY COMMUNITIES.



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1 AND THIS KIND OF CHANGE IN THE WAY WE SOLVE OUR SOCIAL
2 PROBLEMS CAN ONLY HAPPEN THROUGH POLITICAL WILL. AND I THINK
3 THAT THIS IS THE PLACE IN ORDER FOR US TO ADDRESS THE CONCEPT
4 OF POLITICAL WILL. AND WE'RE ASKING THAT YOU ASSERT POLITICAL
5 WILL IN CHANGING THE WAY WE ALLOCATE OUR FUNDS TO FUND MORE
6 COMMUNITY-BASED SOCIAL SERVICES.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] MARY
9 SUTTON?

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11 **MARY SUTTON:** HI. I'M MARY SUTTON. I'M WITH CALIFORNIANS UNITED
12 FOR A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET. WE'RE A STATEWIDE COALITION OF OVER
13 40 ORGANIZATIONS FIGHTING PRISON AND JAIL EXPANSION, TRYING TO
14 REDUCE THE PRISON AND JAIL POPULATIONS AND DEMANDING THAT WE
15 REINVEST DOLLARS SPENT ON THOSE EFFORTS AND PUT THEM BACK INTO
16 THE COMMUNITY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES. IT'S IRONIC TODAY THAT
17 TODAY WE ARE ACKNOWLEDGING THE GROSS MISTAKES MADE IN THE
18 1940S OF TARGETING PEOPLE OF COLOR, THE JAPANESE AMERICANS,
19 HERDING THEM INTO OVERCROWDED SPACES, ROUNDING THEM UP,
20 INCARCERATING THEM FOR YEARS, AND DISENFRANCHISING THEM. YET
21 TODAY THE POWERS THAT BE ARE PROPOSING THAT NONE OF THE A.B.
22 RE-ALIGNMENT DOLLARS GO INTO COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS.
23 IT'S ALL BEING GIVEN TO POWERS THAT BE, MOSTLY TO THE SHERIFF.
24 AND THERE THERE'S A PROPOSAL TO ACCEPT \$100 MILLION FOR THE
25 JAIL EXPANSION THAT WE WOULD BE BUILDING FOR OVER 1,000 WOMEN



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1 OF COLOR, MOST OF WHOM ARE NONSERIOUS, NONVIOLENT OFFENDERS
2 AND WHO WOULD BENEFIT MUCH MORE AT A MUCH LOWER COST FROM
3 COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES THAT PROVIDE TRAINING, DRUG REHAB,
4 EDUCATION, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, ETCETERA. AND LET ME JUST
5 REVIEW HERE. HERE'S THE AUSTIN REPORT THAT CAME OUT MOST
6 RECENTLY. HERE'S THE A.C.L.U. REPORT. HERE'S THE LEGISLATIVE
7 ANALYSIS REPORT. AND HERE'S THE REPORT FROM THE VERA
8 INSTITUTE. HERE'S THE JAIL APPLICATION THAT L.A. COUNTY
9 SUBMITTED TO THE STATE TO ACCEPT \$100 MILLION. THESE ISSUES
10 ARE CONNECTED. YOU CAN'T SEPARATE THEM. SO THAT'S WHY I'M
11 ADDRESSING BOTH AT THE SAME TIME. THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ALLOCATE THOSE A.B.109
13 DOLLARS TO SERVICES THAT WORK IN THE COMMUNITY. IF YOU DON'T,
14 YOU WILL BE GUARANTEEING THE RECIDIVISM RATES L.A. COUNTY HAS
15 EXPERIENCED WITH THE STATE, 70 TO 80 PERCENT PEOPLES OF COLOR,
16 YOUNG PEOPLE, BOYS, LATINO ARE NOW THE HIGHEST GROWING RATE OF
17 INCARCERATION AND BLACK WOMEN, AS WELL. YOU ARE DOING THE
18 WRONG THING IF YOU ACCEPT THE DIRECTION OF THESE DOLLARS.
19 THESE DOLLARS NEED TO GET OUT THERE, THE A.B.109 DOLLARS, BUT
20 YOU NEED TO GIVE, TAKE AWAY MORE THAN HALF OF THAT FROM THE
21 SHERIFF AND PUT IT INTO THE COMMUNITY, PLEASE. AND DO NOT MOVE
22 FORWARD WITH THIS JAIL. IT IS NOT NECESSARY. IF YOU DO ANY OF
23 THE THINGS LIKE THE AUSTIN REPORT SAYS, OVER 30
24 RECOMMENDATIONS WERE MADE BY VERA, MOST OF WHICH WERE DESIGNED
25 TO REDUCE THE JAIL POPULATION; UNFORTUNATELY TO DATE NONE OF



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1 THE RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY'S CRIMINAL
2 JUSTICE SYSTEM.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **MARY SUTTON:** AND IT DEMANDS THAT THE POWERS BE COOPERATE THAT
7 STAKEHOLDERS COOPERATE AND GET TOGETHER. PLEASE.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT
10 CONCLUDES THE PUBLIC HEARING. [APPLAUSE.] THAT CONCLUDES THE
11 PUBLIC HEARING. WE HAVE THE ITEM BEFORE US. MIKE, DID YOU?

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS A MOTION COAUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR
14 MOLINA. "BECAUSE OF THIS BOARD'S FISCAL POLICY OF RESPONSIBLE
15 SPENDING DEBT, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO AVOID MASSIVE LAYOFFS
16 WHICH WERE UNAVOIDABLE BY MANY, MANY OTHER JURISDICTIONS.
17 GIVEN THE FUNDING UNCERTAINTIES AT THE STATE LEVEL, BOARD
18 UNANIMOUSLY HAS DECIDED TO USE TEMPORARY INSTEAD OF PERMANENT
19 CLASSIFICATIONS TO FILL THESE REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED UNDER
20 A.B.109. THE C.E.O. IS RECOMMENDING CONVERSION OF THOSE
21 TEMPORARY CLASSIFICATIONS TO PERMANENT STATUS BASED ON A
22 BUDGET TRAILER BILL THAT SEEKS TO ESTABLISH PERMANENT FUNDING
23 FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS, SHIFT IT FROM THE STATE TO OUR
24 COUNTIES. HOWEVER, STATE REVENUES ARE NOT BEING REALIZED AT
25 THE PROJECTED LEVELS. THE TRAILER BILL HAS YET TO BE APPROVED



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1 AND THERE IS NO CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEE FOR REALIGNMENT
2 FUNDING. ALL THESE FACTORS MAKE IT UNWISE FOR THIS BOARD TO
3 CHANGE ITS EXISTING POLICY OF USING TEMPORARY CLASSIFICATIONS
4 UNTIL SUCH TIME WHEN THERE IS FUNDING CERTAINTY. SO WE WOULD
5 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD MOVE TO APPROVE THE
6 APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90.8 MILLION AS
7 IDENTIFIED IN THE BOARD LETTER UNDER ACTION ITEM 1 AND REFER
8 BACK TO THE C.E.O. ACTION ITEM 2, WHICH CONVERTS ALL PUBLIC
9 SAFETY RE-ALIGNMENT POSITIONS FROM TEMPORARY TO PERMANENT
10 CLASSIFICATIONS UNTIL SUCH TIME WHEN WE HAVE FUNDING
11 CERTAINTY, THAT IS TO AVOID UNFUNDED MANDATES."

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MR. FUJIOKA, DO YOU
14 WANT TO SPEAK TO THAT MOTION?

15

16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I RECOGNIZE THE CONCERN REGARDING THE FUNDING
17 FOR THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM AND THE FACT THAT THIS PROGRAM
18 WAS, LIKE I SAY, PUSHED UPON US FROM THE STATE. THE REASON WHY
19 I MADE THIS RECOMMENDATION IS -- AND MANY CONVERSATIONS WITH
20 OUR DEPARTMENT STAFF, PARTICULARLY MENTAL HEALTH, PROBATION
21 AND ALSO SHERIFF, THEY'RE HAVING A VERY DIFFICULT TIME FILLING
22 THESE POSITIONS. IN THE REPORT, IT STATES THE FACT THAT 469
23 POSITIONS WERE ALLOCATED OR APPROVED BY THE BOARD BACK IN
24 DECEMBER, I BELIEVE. BUT AS OF THIS DATE, ONLY 196 HAVE BEEN
25 FILLED. EVERY DEPARTMENT'S HAVING A PROBLEM, BUT PARTICULARLY



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1 MENTAL HEALTH IS HAVING A VERY DIFFICULT TIME RECRUITING, AND
2 WITH THAT, RETAINING MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS THAT ARE
3 SORELY NEEDED TO ACHIEVE SOME OBJECTIVES WITH THIS PROGRAM.
4 THIS IS A DIFFICULT ONE FOR US BECAUSE I FULLY RESPECT WHAT
5 SUPERVISORS ANTONOVICH AND MOLINA ARE STATING REGARDING THE
6 FUNDING. WE DO KNOW THAT IN THE MAY REVISED AND THEN ALSO IN
7 THE TRAILER BILLS THERE'S LANGUAGE THAT WILL CREATE A
8 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, THUS GUARANTEEING THIS FUNDING ON A
9 GO-FORWARD BASIS. BUT ANOTHER REASON WHY I'VE MADE THIS
10 RECOMMENDATION AND MOVED THE 08 ITEMS IS THIS PROGRAM IS JUST
11 HERE TO STAY. THE LIKELIHOOD OF THIS PROGRAM GOING BACK TO THE
12 STATE, I THINK, IS ZERO. AND WE JUST NEED TO BUILD THE
13 WORKFORCE THAT'S NECESSARY TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF THIS
14 PROGRAM. THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK A QUESTION.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOUR BOARD LETTER INDICATES RECEIPT OF 68
21 PERCENT OF THE FUNDING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR. WHEN WOULD WE
22 RECEIVE THE REMAINING 32 PERCENT?

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24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE EXPECT THE BALANCE BY THE END OF THIS
25 FISCAL YEAR. WHAT THE STATE IS DOING IS SENDING US MONEY ON A



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1 KIND OF A FLOW BASIS, ON A MONTHLY BASIS AS THE REVENUE COMES
2 IN THAT SUPPORTS THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM. THE REASON WHY WE
3 SET UP THIS PROGRAM AS A, HOW SHOULD I PUT IT? A REIMBURSEMENT
4 PROGRAM WHERE DEPARTMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT CLAIMS TO OUR
5 OFFICE TO SEEK REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH
6 THIS PROGRAM IS PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE OF HOW THIS MONEY'S
7 FLOWING TO US.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY WOULD IT BE PRUDENT TO CONVERT THESE
10 POSITIONS TO PERMANENT POSITIONS WHEN THERE'S NO PERMANENT
11 FUNDING, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY HAVE NOT ALLOCATED AN ADEQUATE
12 ALLOCATION WHICH IS IN AND OF ITSELF INADEQUATE PER YOUR
13 LETTER.

14

15 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND. EXCELLENT POINT. AGAIN, WHEN I
16 MENTIONED THE MAIN DRIVER, AT LEAST IN MY MIND THE MAIN DRIVER
17 IS THAT THIS PROGRAM IS HERE. BUT AN EQUALLY STRONG DRIVER, IN
18 TALKING TO THE HEAD OF OUR MENTAL HEALTH, OUR CHIEF PROBATION
19 OFFICER, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, IS THAT PRINCIPALLY THE
20 FIRST TWO, THEY ARE HAVING A DIFFICULT TIME FILLING THESE
21 POSITIONS. AND SO WHEN YOU HAVE -- OF THE 469 POSITIONS AND
22 YOU ONLY HAVE 196 FILLED, THAT'S VERY STRONG EVIDENCE THAT WE
23 NEED TO DO SOMETHING TO HELP THESE DEPARTMENTS FILL THESE
24 POSITIONS.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MANY POSITIONS DID WE ORIGINALLY ALLOCATE
2 TO THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT?

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4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** OF THE 469 WE ALLOCATED 144.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MANY OF THOSE HAVE BEEN FILLED?

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8 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** LET ME SEE WHAT I HAVE HERE. IN THE PROBATION
9 DEPARTMENT, AS OF APRIL 30, WE HAVE 132. BUT THERE'S TWO
10 PROBLEMS. ONCE -- WHEN WE DO FILL A POSITION FOR 109, THE
11 POSITION FOR THE INDIVIDUAL THAT IS IN A NEW 109 POSITION
12 VACATED, WE ALSO, BECAUSE OF PRIOR INSTRUCTIONS OR PRIOR
13 ACTIONS TAKEN BY -- RELATED TO THIS PROGRAM, THEY ARE ALSO
14 HELD ON A TEMPORARY BASIS. SO IT CREATES THIS DOMINO EFFECT,
15 OF SORTS. THEY'RE HAVING TROUBLE FINDING THE -- GETTING A
16 PERMANENT BACKFILL FOR THOSE POSITIONS.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW, I UNDERSTAND THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF
19 MENTAL HEALTH HAS FILLED ABOUT HALF OF THEIR POSITIONS. THEY
20 WERE ALLOCATED 8 OUT OF 18. BUT HIRING IS A CONSTANT CHALLENGE
21 FOR THEM. DIDN'T WE HAVE SIMILAR CHALLENGES WHEN WE GAVE THEM
22 PERMANENT POSITIONS FOR THE JUVENILE CAMPS?

23

24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. I THINK IF WE CAN -- GET
25 DIRECT TESTIMONY FROM THE DEPARTMENTS IF YOU LIKE, BUT THERE



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1 IS -- THE FACT REMAINS THAT DEPARTMENTS ARE HAVING A HARD TIME
2 FILLING THESE POSITIONS. I KNOW IT'S A DIFFICULT CALL. BECAUSE
3 THE FACT THAT THIS MONEY'S COMING IN ON A MONTHLY BASIS, I
4 TEND TO BE AS CONSERVATIVE AS ANYONE, WANTING TO TAKE AN
5 ACTION ONLY WHEN THE MONEY'S IN HAND. AND SO I RESPECT AND
6 UNDERSTAND THE MOTION THAT BOTH YOU AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA ARE
7 SENDING FORWARD. ON THE OTHER HAND, I HAVE DEPARTMENTS WHO
8 HAVE TOLD ME VERY DIRECTLY THAT TO MEET THEIR
9 RESPONSIBILITIES, THEY NEED A PERMANENT WORKFORCE.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN ON THIS ONE, THE VERY PRINCIPLE OF HOW WE
14 HAVE PROCEEDED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WITHOUT HAVING TO HAVE
15 MASSIVE LAYOFFS HAS BEEN ON THE VERY BASIC PRINCIPLE THAT WE
16 DO NOT MAKE COMMITMENTS TO HIRE PEOPLE WITHOUT A DEDICATED
17 STREAM OF REVENUE. WE ARE MAKING A MAJOR MISTAKE AT EVERY
18 LEVEL WITH THE IDEA THAT THESE TWO DEPARTMENTS CANNOT HIRE UP,
19 IF YOU LOOK AT THE HISTORY OF THE LAST THREE YEARS OF THIS
20 DEPARTMENT, PARTICULARLY MENTAL HEALTH, I'VE BEEN ON THEM ON A
21 REGULAR BASIS, THERE ARE MANY, MANY PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE AN
22 OPPORTUNITY TO WORK FOR THIS DEPARTMENT, BUT THERE IS
23 SOMETHING GOING ON IN H.R. OR WHATEVER IT IS THAT THEY CANNOT
24 RECRUIT, THAT THEY CANNOT TRAIN, THAT THEY CANNOT BRING ON
25 PEOPLE TO DO THAT. WITH PROBATION, AGAIN, IT IS CALLED CASE



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1 MANAGEMENT. IT IS NOT DIFFICULT ROLES. THERE'S A HIGH
2 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OUT THERE. THERE ARE MANY, MANY
3 PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE TAKING JOBS TODAY AT UNBELIEVABLY LOWER
4 PAY FOR DOING WORK THAT THEY ARE HIGHER, WELL MORE PREPARED TO
5 TAKE ON. AND FOR SOME REASON WE HAVE TWO DEPARTMENTS THAT
6 CAN'T FILL THESE POSITIONS. THEY WOULD TAKE THESE JOBS ON A
7 TEMPORARY BASIS WITH THE IDEA THAT POTENTIALLY THEY KNOW THEY
8 WOULD BECOME PERMANENT POSITIONS. I DON'T SEE ANY RATIONALE AS
9 TO WHY WE SHOULD STEP AWAY FROM A VERY BASIC PRINCIPLE THAT
10 THIS BOARD HAS HONORED THAT HAS LED US, WHEN YOU LOOK AT
11 ORANGE COUNTY, VENTURA COUNTY, WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE CITY OF
12 L.A., WE HAVE NOT HAD THE KIND OF LAYOFFS HERE, WE HAVE NOT
13 HAD TO PUT PEOPLE ON ANY KIND OF WORKING CONDITIONS THAT ARE
14 LESS THAN THE STATE HAS DONE. I JUST THINK WE'RE NOT YET READY
15 TO MOVE FORWARD ON THAT. THERE'S NOT AN URGENCY. IT'S NOT LIKE
16 IT'S GOING TO MAKE A DRAMATIC EFFECT. I CAN ASSURE YOU IF YOU
17 PASS IT TODAY AND YOU BRING UP THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
18 IN THREE MONTHS, VACANCIES WILL STAY THE SAME, BECAUSE THEY
19 HAVE TO CHANGE THEIR ATTITUDE ABOUT THEIR HIRING POLICIES AND
20 LAME EXCUSES BECAUSE IT'S NOT A PERMANENT POSITION IS NOT GOOD
21 ENOUGH. THEY HAVEN'T FILLED THE PERMANENT POSITIONS THAT THEY
22 HAVE TO DATE. SO I THINK WE SHOULD STAND BY THIS POLICY. IT'S
23 NOT GOING TO HURT US TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT THE LEGISLATURE WILL
24 DO IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS. AND THAT WAY WE ARE BEING FIRM
25 ON I THINK A PRINCIPLE THAT HAS REALLY LED TO A VERY STRONG



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1 L.A. COUNTY AND ARE VERY RESPECTFUL OF ITS EMPLOYEES AT ALL
2 LEVELS.

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4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** COULD I ASK ONE QUICK QUESTION? SO
5 UNDERSTANDING THE MOTION, SHOULD THE STATE LEGISLATURE APPROVE
6 THE BUDGET WITH THE TRAILER BILL THAT PROVIDES THE
7 CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEE IN THE PERMANENT FUNDING, WHICH COULD
8 HAPPEN IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS, COULD WE BRING IT BACK THEN
9 IMMEDIATELY?

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO KNOW IF
12 THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PASSES UNTIL NOVEMBER. SO YOU
13 WANT TO WAIT UNTIL NOVEMBER?

14

15 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** NO, I WOULD NOT WANT TO WAIT UNTIL NOVEMBER.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I'M NOT SAYING THAT. WE'RE NOT SAYING THAT.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO JUST PUTTING IT ON THE BALLOT
20 IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU?

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** I CAN'T KNOW WHAT THE VOTERS ARE GOING TO DO. BUT
23 WE NEED TO HAVE A COMMITMENT THAT THE LEGISLATURE IS GOING TO
24 COMMIT TO THE STREAM OF FUNDING.

25



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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I JUST HEARD THAT ONCE THE LEGISLATURE
2 APPROVES THE BUDGET IN TWO WEEKS, THE STATUTORY DEADLINE FOR
3 APPROVING THE BUDGET, AND SHOULD THIS FUNDING BE INCLUDED IN
4 THEIR APPROVED BUDGET, I CAN BRING IT BACK TO THE BOARD FOR
5 APPROVING THE SECOND HALF.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, LET ME OFFER THE FOLLOWING.
10 I CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND THE POINTS BEING MADE BY BOTH
11 SUPERVISORS ANTONOVICH AND MOLINA AS IT RELATES TO PRUDENCE
12 AND FISCAL HEALTH. I CLEARLY UNDERSTAND HOW THE COUNTY,
13 THROUGH THE LEADERSHIP OF THIS BOARD HAS DISTINGUISHED ITSELF
14 FORTUNATELY YOU MIGHT ARGUE LUCKILY WITH THE EXECUTIVE STAFF,
15 THAT IS THE STAFF OF THE C.E.O., TO PROTECT US FROM SOME OF
16 THE HARROWING DECISIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE BY OTHER
17 MUNICIPALITIES AND/OR JURISDICTIONS. ALL THAT HAVING BEEN
18 SAID, IT SHOULD BE APPRECIATED, I THINK, THAT DISCONTINUITY
19 MILITATES AGAINST PUBLIC SAFETY IN THIS INSTANCE. BE REMINDED
20 OF THE FOLLOWING: WE WERE ROUTINELY MAKING THE POINT HERE THAT
21 THE MAJOR CONCERN OF ALL OF US TO ONE EXTENT OR ANOTHER WITH
22 RESPECT TO REALIGNMENT WAS WHAT? PUBLIC SAFETY. THE EXTENT TO
23 WHICH THAT IS OUR CONCERN I DON'T KNOW THAT WE CAN IGNORE THE
24 FACT THAT A WORKFORCE THAT IS IN FLUX DOES NOT HELP US ACHIEVE
25 THE GOAL OF MANAGING THE NUMBER OF FORMER INMATES WHO WILL NO



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1 DOUBT FIND RESIDENCE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ALREADY
2 HAVE IN NUMBERS THAT ARE DOCUMENTED. MR. FUJIOKA, WHAT IS THAT
3 NUMBER TO DATE, DO YOU RECALL? MR. POWERS, WHAT IS THE NUMBER
4 OF THOSE WHO HAVE FOUND THEIR WAY TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY? 7,000
5 SUCH PERSONS THAT ARE NOW UNDER OUR JURISDICTION AND
6 SUPERVISION. YOU CAN'T MANAGE THAT EFFECTIVELY WITH
7 QUOTE/UNQUOTE "TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES." THE PROBLEM IS
8 CHALLENGING ENOUGH UNDER THE BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES. IT'S
9 DAUNTING ENOUGH WHEN YOU HAVE A PERMANENT WORKFORCE. YOU CAN'T
10 GET IT DONE EFFECTIVELY ABSENT THAT. NOW, IF THERE IS AN
11 APPEAL TO HAVE THE C.E.O. TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AND TIGHTEN UP A
12 FEW THINGS HERE, I HAVE NO VIOLENT OBJECTION TO THAT; BUT I DO
13 THINK IT SHOULD BE APPRECIATED THAT IF WE HAVE EXPECTATIONS
14 THAT THIS WORKFORCE IS GOING TO DO WHAT WE WISH FOR IT TO DO,
15 PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF PUBLIC SAFETY, WE NEED TO ENSURE
16 CONTINUITY. WE NEED TO ENSURE STABILITY. WE NEED TO ENSURE
17 QUALITY. YOU CAN'T EASILY ACCOMPLISH THAT BY HAVING A
18 WORKFORCE THAT IS EFFECTIVELY IN FLUX. SO, MR. CHAIRMAN, IT
19 SEEMS TO ME THAT THE MATTER IS BEFORE US AND SUBSTANTIAL
20 QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN RAISED BY BOTH THE MAKER OF THE MOTION AND
21 THE SECONDER OF THE MOTION, WHICH I AM NOT PREPARED TO
22 DISMISS. I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT WHY, AFTER THEIR QUESTIONS ARE
23 ANSWERED AND IF THEY NEED A WEEK OR SO TO GET THEM ANSWERED,
24 IT IS UPON US TO MOVE THIS FORWARD IN THE INTEREST OF THE
25 THING, THE VERY THING, THE GOAL, THE OBJECTIVE THAT WE ALL



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1 SAID THAT WE HAD TO BE ATTENTIVE TO, AND THAT IS PUBLIC SAFETY
2 FOR THE RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES AND CONSTITUENCIES THAT WE
3 REPRESENT. PURSUANT TO THEIR MOTION --

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** PURSUANT TO THEIR MOTION WHAT?

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** I WAS ASKING, ARE YOU CONTINUING THE ITEM FOR TWO
8 WEEKS TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE? OR
9 ARE YOU MOVING THE MOTION AS RECOMMENDED WITH THE
10 UNDERSTANDING THAT IF THE CONSTITUTIONAL PIECE IS HANDLED IN
11 TWO WEEKS TO BRING IT BACK TO THE BOARD?

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I HEARD A REFINEMENT THAT ESSENTIALLY
14 MEANT TWO WEEKS GIVEN THE EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE CHAIRMAN AND A
15 COUPLE OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I WANT TO JUST SIMPLY,
16 IN SUMMARY, RESTATE: I DON'T KNOW HOW WE AVOID DOING THIS. IF
17 THERE IS A WAY TO RAISE EVERYBODY'S COMFORT LEVEL A BIT HIGHER
18 THAN WHAT IS UNANIMOUSLY THE CASE TODAY, I GET THAT. HOWEVER,
19 I BELIEVE THAT WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A PERMANENT
20 WORKFORCE IN THIS INSTANCE BECAUSE 109 RE-ALIGNMENT IS
21 PERMANENT. THEY DON'T MEET PERMANENCE WITH TEMPORARY. THEY
22 DON'T MEET STABILITY WITH THAT THAT IS TENTATIVE OR TENUOUS.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN I ASK A QUESTION WITH REGARD TO IT FROM THAT
25 QUESTION?



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SURE, GO AHEAD.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** ON 109, WE KNOW IT TO BE PERMANENT. I MEAN, THE
5 STATE IS NOT GOING TO TAKE BACK THESE FOR PRISONERS. BUT IT
6 COMES WITH A STREAM OF REVENUE, AS WELL, RIGHT? THAT'S THE
7 PART THAT'S MISSING HERE, IS THAT THE LEGISLATURE AND THE
8 GOVERNOR, WHILE THEY HAVE TOLD US, HAVE YET NOT PASSED THAT
9 AMENDMENT, THAT LEGISLATION. SO WHILE IT IS, I TAKE IT 109,
10 I'M NOT GOING TO SAY THAT IT'S NOT EVEN THOUGH LEGISLATIVELY
11 IT'S A TECHNICALITY, AGAIN, UNTIL THEY PUT THE MONEY IN, IT IS
12 NOT A PERMANENT THING.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, UNFORTUNATELY IT IS. AND
15 SOME OF US WARNED ABOUT THIS A YEAR AGO, OR A YEAR AND A HALF
16 AGO NOW. BUT WHETHER WE CONSIDER IT TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT,
17 UNLESS THEY TAKE THIS RESPONSIBILITY BACK, WHICH I AGREE WITH
18 MR. FUJIOKA, IT'S NOT LIKELY TO HAPPEN IN OUR LIFETIME.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M NOT SAYING THEY'RE GOING TO BUT --

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, SO THEN WE'RE GOING TO BE
23 ON THE HOOK FOR IT, THAT'S ALL. SO THE QUESTION IS WHETHER
24 WE'RE ON THE HOOK FOR IT IF WE'RE GOING TO DO IT RIGHT OR IF
25 WE'RE GOING TO DO IT HALF-ASSED. I THINK WHAT MR. FUJIOKA IS



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1 SAYING, AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT YOU TOLD ME IN PRIVATE BRIEFINGS,
2 AND I'VE HEARD FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS
3 ONE DEPARTMENT WHO HAS BROUGHT IT TO MY ATTENTION THAT THEY
4 CAN'T HIRE PEOPLE. YOU MAY THINK THEY'RE LYING. I DON'T FIND
5 THAT WHEN PEOPLE TELL ME SOMETHING I DON'T AGREE WITH THAT
6 IT'S NECESSARILY DISHONESTY ON THEIR PART. THEY'RE TELLING ME
7 THEY'RE HAVING A HARD TIME RECRUITING PEOPLE FOR THESE JOBS
8 BECAUSE THEY LOOK AT IT AND THEY SEE IT'S TEMPORARY JOBS. I
9 CAN UNDERSTAND THAT. NOW, WE HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BY TESTING
10 THE PROPOSITION THAT MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS STATING THAT
11 IF WE MADE THEM PERMANENT, WE COULD HIRE THEM. WE HAVE NOTHING
12 TO LOSE BY THAT. IF WE STILL CAN'T HIRE THEM BECAUSE THEY'RE
13 INCOMPETENT OR SOME OTHER REASON, THEN WHAT WOULD BE LOST BY
14 DOING IT? BUT IF THEY'RE RIGHT, THEN WHAT WE HAVE TO GAIN IS A
15 PROGRAM THAT HAS SOME STABILITY AND CAN FULFILL OUR
16 OBLIGATIONS, WHETHER WE LIKE THOSE OBLIGATIONS OR NOT, THEY
17 ARE OUR OBLIGATIONS NOW. AND THE STATE IS GOING TO RENEGE ON
18 IT. THEY RENEGE ON EVERYTHING. AND THAT'S WHY MR. ANTONOVICH,
19 YOU SPOKE OUT AND I DID BACK WHEN THAT HEARING WAS HELD IN
20 THIS ROOM IN JANUARY OF LAST YEAR, BECAUSE WE SAW THIS COMING.
21 BUT HERE WE ARE. AND I THINK THE ISSUE NOW IS WHETHER WE
22 MANAGE THIS IN A RESPONSIBLE WAY. AND I HONESTLY DON'T SEE THE
23 CHOICE. BUT IF IT MEANS -- IF THE ISSUE IS GETTING IT ON THE -
24 - HAVING THE LEGISLATURE VOTE TO PUT THE CONSTITUTIONAL



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1 AMENDMENT ON THE BALLOT, IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES, WE'LL KNOW
2 THAT IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK THAT'S THE POINT. BECAUSE UNTIL THEY DO
5 THAT, IT'S NO DIFFERENT THAN WHAT I TALKED ABOUT EARLIER WITH
6 A.B.12. AND UNTIL THEY SHOW A WILLINGNESS TO PUT THAT ON THE
7 BALLOT, WE'VE ALL BEEN THERE, ZEV, I AGREE WITH YOU. I MEAN A
8 YEAR AGO, TWO YEARS AGO WHEN THEY STARTED TALKING ABOUT THIS
9 YEAR AND A HALF. BUT UNTIL THERE'S SOME SINCERITY AS IT
10 RELATES TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL PIECE, AND WE SHOULD KNOW THAT
11 QUICKLY.

12

13 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF I MAY, SIR. I UNDERSTAND THAT. I UNDERSTAND
14 THAT THAT WILL INCREASE THE CONFIDENCE FOR THIS PROGRAM. BUT
15 TO BE VERY CANDID, IF THAT LEGISLATIVE ACTION DOESN'T OCCUR, I
16 WILL STILL COME BACK AND ASK FOR THE PERMANENT POSITIONS
17 BECAUSE THIS PROGRAM IS HERE. IT'S WITH US. AND I UNDERSTAND
18 THAT. AND YOU KNOW OF ANYONE IN THIS ROOM, EXCEPT FOR APART
19 FROM THE FIVE OF YOU, I'M VERY CAREFUL OF HOW WE MANAGE OUR
20 FINANCES. BUT IN DEALING WITH THE DEPARTMENTS, THEY'RE HAVING
21 A VERY DIFFICULT TIME. BUT WAITING A COUPLE OF WEEKS IS
22 PROBABLY REASONABLE TO SEE. BECAUSE THE STATE HAS TO TAKE AN
23 ACTION BY I THINK ON THE 15TH ON THE BUDGET. SO WAIT A COUPLE
24 OF WEEKS.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. YOU'RE GOING TO WAIT A
2 COUPLE OF WEEKS. BUT NOT EVERYBODY IS GOING TO BE HERE IN A
3 COUPLE WEEKS. NOT EVERYBODY IS GOING TO BE HERE IN THREE
4 WEEKS, AND NOT EVERYBODY IS GOING TO BE HERE IN FOUR WEEKS. SO
5 YOU'RE REALLY TALKING ABOUT FIVE WEEKS. AND SO HERE'S MY
6 QUESTION. EITHER THIS IS A PROBLEM OR IT ISN'T A PROBLEM,
7 BILL. IF IT'S A PROBLEM, THEN I THINK YOU'VE GOT TO BE MORE
8 FORCEFUL IN ARTICULATING IT AND MANY HAVE SOME OF THE
9 DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE INVOLVED ARTICULATING IT. BECAUSE I DON'T
10 GET IT. I SHOULDN'T JUMP ALL OVER YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE JUST A
11 VICTIM OF THE FIVE OF US. BUT I'M JUST FRUSTRATED BECAUSE I
12 DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON HERE. JUST BECAUSE THEY PUT IT ON
13 THE BALLOT DOESN'T MEAN IT'S GOING TO PASS THE BALLOT. IF
14 THAT'S THE FIG LEAF THAT SOMEBODY NEEDS TO GET TO PERMANENCY,
15 THEN OKAY. WE CAN GO ALONG WITH THAT. BUT I WOULD RECOMMEND
16 THAT IF WE ARE GOING TO DO THAT, THAT WE NOT TAKE -- GO
17 THROUGH THE BUREAUCRATIC NONSENSE OF GETTING IT BACK TO THE
18 BOARD. IF THE ISSUE IS THAT THE LEGISLATURE VOTES TO PUT THIS
19 ON THE BALLOT, THEN WHY DON'T WE GIVE YOU THE AUTHORITY THAT
20 UPON THEIR DOING THAT, THAT YOU JUST HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO
21 MAKE THIS CHANGE FROM THE OLD ITEM TO THE PERMANENT ITEM. AND
22 IF THEY DON'T DO IT, YOU CAN COME BACK ANY TIME AND TRY TO
23 MAKE YOUR CASE AGAIN TO THAT. THAT'S WHAT I WOULD SUGGEST, IS
24 IF THAT'S THE ISSUE, IF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BEING
25 APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATURE TO GO ON THE BALLOT IS THE ISSUE,



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1 THEN LET'S GIVE HIM THE AUTHORITY TO DO THAT WHEN THEY DO THAT
2 SO WE DON'T HAVE TO TAKE ANOTHER COUPLE OF WEEKS. I'M JUST
3 CONCERNED THAT WE'RE --

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET'S JUST DELEGATE EVERYTHING TO BILL TO DO.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, WE'VE ALREADY DONE A LOT OF
8 THAT. BUT THIS ONE I THINK IS A VERY LIMITED DELEGATION WHICH
9 HAS A VERY LIMITED AND FOCUSED TRIGGER; EITHER THEY APPROVE IT
10 OR THEY DON'T APPROVE IT. OR ARE WE GOING TO HAVE SOME OTHER
11 REASON NOT TO APPROVE IT AFTER THEY PUT IT ON THE BALLOT?

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, I THINK -- I MEAN, THERE'S WISDOM IN
14 WHAT YOU ARE SUGGESTING, MR. CHAIRMAN. AND I'M SYMPATHETIC TO
15 THAT POINT OF VIEW. THE QUESTION IS WHETHER OR NOT THERE ARE
16 THREE VOTES TO DO IT. IF THERE AREN'T THREE VOTES TO DO IT,
17 THEN I BELIEVE WE NEED TO MOVE TOWARD A TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE
18 AND CAUSE PEOPLE TO GET MORE COMFORTABLE IN SUPPORTING THIS.
19 THE QUESTIONS THAT BOTH SUPERVISORS ANTONOVICH AND MOLINA
20 RAISE, I THINK ALL OF US IDENTIFY WITH AT SOME LEVEL. BUT THE
21 ISSUE THAT TRUMPS THOSE QUESTIONS, TO SOME EXTENT, RELATE TO
22 THE PUBLIC SAFETY AGENDA OF OUR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES. NOW
23 THE URGENCY OF THIS HAS BEEN MADE CLEAR TO EACH OF US. AND SO
24 IF THERE ARE DEPARTMENT HEADS. THE LEAD ON THIS IS PROBATION.
25 AND WE PERHAPS NEED TO HEAR FROM THAT DEPARTMENT IN ORDER TO



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1 KNOW WHAT THE PROS AND CONS ARE OF WHAT WE SEEK TO DO. THIS
2 DOES NOT REDUCE ITSELF TO SIMPLY A MATTER OF AN ANALYSIS FROM
3 THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE. THIS IS MORE SUBSTANTIVE IN TERMS OF THE
4 VERY FUNCTIONING OF THAT DEPARTMENT. AND THIS IS ONLY ONE
5 PIECE OF WHAT THIS DEPARTMENT HAS TO DO. MR. CHAIRMAN, PERHAPS
6 WE OUGHT TO HEAR FROM THE LEAD AGENCY, THE CHIEF PROBATION
7 OFFICER. THEY FOUGHT HARD TO GET THIS.

8

9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** COME ON UP.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. POWERS, COME ON UP.

12

13 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** DR. SOUTHARD.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DR. SOUTHARD. ANYBODY ELSE.

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ALSO, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WANTS TO SPEAK
18 TO THIS.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WHERE'S THE SHERIFF WHEN YOU NEED HIM?
21 [LAUGHTER.] THE SHERIFF FOUGHT FOR 109, DIDN'T QUITE GET IT
22 THE WAY HE WANTED IT AND HE'S GLAD HE DIDN'T NOW. HE'S BACK
23 THERE SAYING OH, MAN, FIGHT THE BATTLE ON YOUR OWN.

24

25 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** JERRY, WHY DON'T YOU START?



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2 **JERRY POWERS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. YOU KNOW, ALL THE

3 COMMENTS MADE TODAY ARE CERTAINLY APPROPRIATE, AND I

4 UNDERSTAND THE CONCERN. FOR US, FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT,

5 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S QUESTION IS ABOUT THE NUMBER OF

6 POSITIONS WE WERE ABLE TO FILL ARE CERTAINLY ACCURATE AND

7 REFLECTIVE. WE WERE ABLE TO FILL THE POSITIONS THAT WERE

8 BUDGETED FOR US IN THIS FISCAL YEAR. WE FILLED THEM LATE,

9 FRANKLY. WE WERE ABLE DO THAT THROUGH A FUNCTION OF OVER

10 HIRES. AND FRANKLY, WE DIDN'T HIRE ANYONE FROM OFF THE STREET

11 TO FILL THOSE TEMPORARY A.B.109 POSITIONS. SO WHAT WE'VE HAD

12 TO DO, BECAUSE WE CAN'T GO AND MOVE SOMEBODY FROM A PERMANENT

13 TO A TEMPORARY ITEM AND THEN GO BACKFILL BEHIND BECAUSE THEN

14 OBVIOUSLY IF THE PERMANENT ITEMS GO BACK AWAY, BACK AWAY, WE

15 END UP IN AN OVER HIRE SITUATION. SO WE DEALT WITH OUR OVER

16 HIRES. BUT LET'S TALK ABOUT THE PRACTICAL POINT OF IT. IS

17 SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN FORCED INTO A TEMPORARY POSITION, AS MANY

18 OF OUR STAFF HAVE, GOING TO INVEST IN THAT POSITION THROUGH

19 TRAINING AND THROUGH JOB PERFORMANCE THE SAME AS IF THEY

20 WOULD, HAD BEEN PROMOTED INTO THE POSITION PERMANENTLY AND

21 THEY OWN THAT POSITION? IT'S NOT A POSITION THAT'S GOING TO GO

22 AWAY IN A MONTH OR TWO MONTHS OR THREE MONTHS. THE TRAINING

23 THAT WE PROVIDE TO THEM AS A PERMANENT STAFF IS SIGNIFICANTLY

24 DIFFERENT THAN AS A TEMPORARY STAFF. SO I WOULD ARGUE AND I

25 WOULD ECHO SOME OF THE COMMENTS, THAT THIS PROGRAM'S NOT GOING



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1 ANYWHERE. THIS PROGRAM IS HERE TO STAY. WE NEED TO TREAT A
2 PERMANENT PROGRAM WITH THE RESOURCES FROM THE PROBATION
3 DEPARTMENT'S PERSPECTIVE, PERMANENT STAFF AND THE INVESTMENT
4 THAT GOES ALONG WITH THAT. I'M ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT OUR
5 PARTNERS IN THE EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS WOULD ECHO THOSE
6 COMMENTS. IT'S MUCH EASIER FOR ME TO PUT SOMEBODY INTO A
7 PERMANENT POSITION. IF I GO AND TRY AND MOVE SOMEBODY INTO A
8 TEMPORARY POSITION UNDER OUR M.O.U., IT'S EXTREMELY DIFFICULT
9 FOR ME TO DO THAT. TYPICALLY WHAT HAPPENS IS WE HAVE TO OFFER
10 THEM A BONUS TO TAKE THAT POSITION. IF THEY TURN IT DOWN, THEN
11 I MOVE FARTHER DOWN THAT PROMOTIONAL LIST. SO I'M NOT TAKING
12 THE TOP END OF THIS PROMOTIONAL LIST AND PUTTING THEM INTO
13 THESE CRITICAL ASSIGNMENTS. IN MANY INSTANCES I'M TAKING THE
14 MIDDLE TO THE BOTTOM END OF THE PROMOTIONAL LIST, WHICH ARE
15 LESS SENIOR STAFF. THEY'RE STAFF WHO DON'T HAVE ANYWHERE NEAR
16 AS MUCH TIME OR EXPERIENCE IN THOSE TYPES OF ASSIGNMENTS. SO
17 WE DEGRADE THE QUALITY OF SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE TO THIS
18 POPULATION, AND WE ALL KNOW THIS IS A PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT
19 POPULATION TO DEAL WITH. THEY HAVE A HIGH RATE OF RECIDIVISM
20 FROM A PUBLIC SAFETY PERSPECTIVE, WE NEED TO BE ON POINT WITH
21 THEM. I'M CERTAINLY EXTREMELY, EXTREMELY SUPPORTIVE OF MR.
22 FUJIOKA'S ATTEMPTS TO GET THESE POSITIONS MADE PERMANENT.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY CAN'T YOU HAVE THE SAME TRAINING THAT YOU
25 WOULD GIVE PERMANENT FOR THE TEMPORARY? YOU SAID YOU DOWNGRADE



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1 THE TRAINING FOR THE TEMPORARY. GIVE THEM THE REGULAR
2 TRAINING. BECAUSE WITH FULL FUNDING WE WILL MAKE THOSE REGULAR
3 POSITIONS PERMANENT.

4

5 **JERRY POWERS:** SUPERVISOR, THERE'S TWO TYPES OF TRAINING THAT
6 STAFF GET WHEN THEY BECOME A PROBATION OFFICER. ONE IS AN
7 ACADEMY-TYPE TRAINING AND ONE WOULD BE SPECIFIC TO THE
8 A.B.109. THEY'RE GETTING THE TRAINING SPECIFIC TO THE A.B.109
9 SERVICES. BUT THEY CAN -- AND THEY HAVE. THEY CAN COME BACK AT
10 ANY POINT ONCE THEY TAKE THAT TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT AND SAY "I
11 DON'T WANT THIS ASSIGNMENT ANYMORE. I WANT TO GO BACK TO MY
12 OTHER POSITION." SO WE'RE NOT GOING TO GO PUT THEM THROUGH A
13 FULL ACADEMY UNTIL WE'RE CERTAIN THEY'RE GOING TO BE A
14 PERMANENT EMPLOYEE IN A PERMANENT POSITION. SO THAT'S THE
15 PROBLEMATIC SIDE FOR US. AND THEN THE TRACKING OF THEM BETWEEN
16 PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY POSITIONS IS A NIGHTMARE FOR OUR HUMAN
17 RESOURCES FOLKS, AS WELL.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT ALSO YOU NEED TO SIMPLIFY YOUR PROCESS SO
20 THAT THE BEST PEOPLE ARE IN THE KEY POSITIONS TO HELP THE MOST
21 VULNERABLE POPULATION THAT WE HAVE, AND THAT'S THE KIDS IN THE
22 PROBATION SYSTEM. SOMEHOW IT APPEARS YOUR HANDS ARE TIED
23 RELATIVE TO FLEXIBILITY. AND WHILE YOU NEED TO HAVE A FAIR
24 SYSTEM, IT SHOULDN'T PENALIZE PEOPLE WE'RE TRYING TO SERVE,
25 AND THAT'S THE JUVENILE. BUT AGAIN IT WOULD SEEM TO ME IF



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1 THESE TEMPORARIES WERE GOING TO BECOME PERMANENT, THEY'D HAVE
2 TO GO TO THAT ACADEMY. AND HAVING THEM GO TO THAT ACADEMY
3 KNOWS THEY'RE GOING TO BE PREPARED FOR THAT PERMANENT POSITION
4 WHEN THEY GRADUATE.

5

6 **JERRY POWERS:** YES, TWO RESPONSES TO YOUR STATEMENT. NUMBER ONE
7 IS YES, AS SOON AS THEY BECOME PERMANENT, THEN THEY WILL HAVE
8 TO GO THROUGH THE ACADEMY. AS A TEMPORARY PERSON, THEY DON'T
9 HAVE TO. YOUR OTHER POINT ABOUT PUTTING THE BEST PEOPLE IN
10 THESE CRITICAL ASSIGNMENTS, I COULDN'T AGREE MORE. WE HAVE A
11 CONTRACT, HOWEVER, THAT IS PRESCRIPTIVE TO US AS TO SENIORITY-
12 BASED PROMOTIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS. SO MY HANDS ARE TIED IN MANY
13 WAYS AROUND THAT, UNLESS IT'S A SPECIALTY ASSIGNMENT.

14

15 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** MARVIN SOUTHARD, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.
16 IN MENTAL HEALTH, OUR PROBLEM IS ACTUALLY PRETTY SIMPLE. WE
17 HAVE A GOOD POOL OF MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS THAT WE CAN
18 INTERVIEW FOR THESE POSITIONS. THE PROBLEM IS THAT -- ARE TWO
19 THINGS. FIRST, THAT WHEN WE OFFER THE POSITION, BECAUSE THE
20 ITEMS ARE TEMPORARY, MANY OF THE PEOPLE THAT WE OFFER THE
21 POSITIONS TO TURN THEM DOWN. WE HAD A PSYCHIATRIST WHO WE WERE
22 -- WHO WAS COMING INTO THE PROGRAM FROM OUT OF THE COUNTY, WAS
23 WILLING TO LEAVE HIS CURRENT JOB AND WORK FOR THE COUNTY, BUT
24 HE WASN'T WILLING TO LEAVE AND COME TO WORK FOR THE COUNTY FOR
25 A TEMPORARY POSITION. THE SECOND PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE IS FOR



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1 THE SOCIAL WORK POSITIONS, WE COULD FILL THOSE ITEMS WITH
2 ENTRY-LEVEL POSITIONS, BUT THIS IS A VERY DIFFICULT POPULATION
3 TO WORK WITH. AND WE BELIEVE THAT WE NEED TO FILL THE PEOPLE
4 WHO ARE -- THE SOCIAL WORKERS WHO ARE WORKING WITH THESE
5 INDIVIDUALS WITH SEASONED PROFESSIONALS WHO HAVE SOME KIND OF
6 INPATIENT EXPERIENCE BECAUSE THEY ARE VERY DIFFICULT PEOPLE TO
7 WORK WITH. AND RECRUITING THOSE KINDS OF PEOPLE WITH TEMPORARY
8 ITEMS HAS PROVEN TO BE DIFFICULT.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

11

12 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WELL THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS
13 OPPORTUNITY TO PERHAPS OFFER SOME DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE HERE.
14 THE BOARD LETTER REFERS TO THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR'S STAFFING
15 NEEDS, WHICH IS THE BUDGET OF '11-'12. AND THEN IN
16 CONVERSATIONS THE C.E.O. AND I HAVE WITH THE GOVERNOR AS WELL
17 AS THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, THERE'S APPROVED FUNDING FOR '12-
18 '13. SO THE BALLOT MEASURE WILL AFFECT WHAT GOES AFTER '12-
19 '13. IT WILL BE '13-'14 FORWARD. SO WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE
20 OUR HANDS ON THAT MONEY UNTIL A YEAR AND A MONTH FROM NOW. SO
21 WHAT I BELIEVE IS POSSIBLE HERE IS THAT EVEN WITH BOARD
22 APPROVAL, THAT WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO GO INTO THAT MONEY
23 IMMEDIATELY. THE MONEY THAT WE'RE CURRENTLY USING NOW HAS NOT
24 BEEN FULLY SPENT OTHER THAN WITH THE OVERTIME. AND SO THE
25 OVERTIME ALLOWS US TO CREATE BODIES ON A TEMPORARY BASIS, BUT



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1 THEY'RE FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES. SO THAT STRATEGY HAS SOME MERIT
2 THAT IF YOU JUST FILL UP ALL YOUR ITEMS, IN PAST DISCUSSIONS
3 WITH THE TWO GREAT C.E.O.'S THAT I'VE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF
4 WORKING WITH, IS THAT YOU NEVER WANT TO HIRE TO THE MAX TO
5 BEGIN WITH. YOU WANT TO HAVE SOME FLEXIBILITY FOR SICK CALL-
6 INS AND OTHER THINGS THAT GO ON THAT ARE NOT BACKFILLED IN
7 FUNDS. SO MY POINT, THEN, IS THAT I THINK THAT THE ACTUAL
8 USING OF THIS DOLLARS SHOULD BE ASSESSED BY EACH DEPARTMENT
9 FOR FILLING OUT THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. AND THEN WE SHOULD
10 PROJECT OUR CAPACITY IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR BECAUSE THERE'S
11 GOING TO DEFINITELY BE MORE A.B.109 MONEY COMING IN THAT'S
12 ALREADY APPROVED. AND SO I THINK THAT THE ISSUE RAISED BY ALL
13 BOARD MEMBERS, WHICH ARE ALL GOOD ISSUES, IS THAT WE DO HAVE A
14 PERIOD OF TIME WHERE YOU COULD SAY WE'RE GOING TO APPROVE
15 THIS, BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO APPROVE IT FOR YOU TO ACT ON IT
16 UNTIL YOU CAN JUSTIFY THAT YOU'RE GOING TO ACT ON IT IN A WAY
17 THAT IS PLANNED, IN A WAY THAT ALLOWS FOR YOU TO MARGINALIZE
18 THE BEGINNING POINT OF THE HIRES UNDER THIS PROVISION. AND
19 THAT WE'RE GOING TO USE OUR CURRENT MONEY AND WE'RE GOING TO
20 USE OUR NEXT YEAR FISCAL MONEY AND THIS OTHER MONEY THAT
21 YOU'RE GOING TO LOOK FOR IN THE BALLOT MEASURE, WE'RE JUST
22 GOING TO HAVE TO BE WAITING TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS WITH THAT
23 MEASURE. BUT IF IT DOESN'T PASS, THE PREDICTABILITY IS THAT
24 THE '13-'14 BUDGET CYCLE IS GOING TO BE DIFFICULT. BUT THOSE
25 OF US THAT LOSE, LIKE IN MY CASE 300 RETIREES A YEAR, I CAN



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1 ADAPT TO A PREDICTABLE CRISIS IN THAT REGARD. I WILL JUST NOT
2 HIRE BEHIND THOSE ADDITIONAL RETIREMENTS.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. LET ME SUGGEST A
5 SUBSTITUTE MOTION. THAT WE AUTHORIZE THE C.E.O., UPON THE
6 LEGISLATURE'S APPROVING THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, TO MOVE
7 THESE POSITIONS FROM TEMPORARY TO PERMANENT. IF BY THE JULY 3
8 MEETING THEY HAVE NOT DONE SO, THE LEGISLATURE HAS NOT DONE
9 SO, THE C.E.O. IS TO RETURN BACK WITH A STATUS REPORT ON WHERE
10 THINGS STAND WITH THE DEPARTMENTS, AND WE'LL RE-VISIT THE
11 ISSUE. SECOND TO THAT? SECOND BY MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS. IS THERE
12 ANY OBJECTION TO THAT?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES. LET ME JUST SAY THAT I DOUBT IF IT'S
15 GOING TO BE APPROVED IN NOVEMBER IF IT'S ON THE BALLOT.
16 REGARDLESS OF THAT ACTION OF THIS MOTION, WE'RE STILL GOING TO
17 BE LEFT WITH AN UNFUNDED MANDATE. NOW, YOU HAVE NO PROVISION
18 TO STATE THAT IF THE INITIATIVE FAILS, WE HAVE TO DO X, Y, Z.
19 I VERY MUCH HAD HOPED THAT THE LEGISLATURE IS GOING TO CHANGE
20 RE-ALIGNMENT. IT'S SCREWY AND IT'S HURTING PEOPLE. AND PEOPLE
21 HAVE BEEN KILLED AS A RESULT OF THAT. BUT IF THEY WERE TO
22 CHANGE IT, IT'S GOING TO TAKE THEM TWO YEARS TO DO IT. THEY
23 DON'T DO IT OVERNIGHT. THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE A YEAR TO
24 INTRODUCE THE BILL, ANOTHER YEAR TO TALK ABOUT IT, ETCETERA,
25 ETCETERA. SO YOU'RE LOOKING AT TWO YEARS. AND WE'RE GOING TO



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1 BE LEFT AT LEAST, IF THEY CHANGE IT, WITH AN UNFUNDED MANDATE;
2 AND IF THEY DON'T CHANGE IT, WE'RE STILL GOING TO BE LEFT WITH
3 AN UNFUNDED MANDATE IF THE VOTERS REJECT THAT PROPOSITION.
4 IT'S KIND OF HARD TO TELL PEOPLE TO INCREASE THEIR TAXES WHEN
5 WE'RE AT THE BOTTOM END OF ALL THE 50 STATES RIGHT NOW IN JOB
6 CREATION, ETCETERA, ETCETERA. SOMEHOW WE NEED TO HAVE AN
7 IDENTIFIED SOURCE OF FUNDING BY THE LEGISLATURE NOW BECAUSE
8 WE'RE GOING TO BE HAVING THESE UNFUNDED MANDATES NOW. AND THE
9 NOVEMBER BALLOT IS REALLY A WISH LIST FOR SOME PEOPLE, BUT
10 IT'S A HAIL MARY BUT IT PASSED, BUT IT'S NOT A TEBO TOUCHDOWN
11 IN THE END ZONE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** TEBO ISN'T THROWING TOO MANY OF
14 THOSE ANYMORE RIGHT NOW, EITHER.

15

16 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** IF I MAY, I SUPPORT MR. YAROSLAVSKY'S
17 MOTION.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT HELPS ME. [LAUGHTER.]

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU ALSO SUPPORTED KREIMANN THOUGH.
22 [LAUGHTER.]

23

24 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** TOUCHE, I'M SORRY.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. KNABE?

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3 **SUP. KNABE:** I WILL SUPPORT YOUR MOTION GIVING THAT AUTHORITY,
4 BUT I ALSO, JUST SO THAT YOU KNOW, SHOULD THAT LANGUAGE NOT BE
5 INTERPRETED THE CORRECT WAY AS IT RELATES TO THE
6 CONSTITUTIONAL CORRECTION, I WILL BE COMING BACK TO PULL THE
7 PLUG ON IT, AS WELL, TOO.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS YOU'RE DELEGATING THE
12 AUTHORITY, IF, WHAT? THE LEGISLATURE PASSES IT OUT DURING THE
13 BUDGET? IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES. BECAUSE, GLORIA, WHAT YOU
16 HAD SAID EARLIER, I'M JUST PIGGYBACKING ON WHAT YOU HAD SAID
17 EARLIER, THAT ALL YOU WANT WAS TO BE SATISFIED THAT THE
18 LEGISLATURE IS GOING TO VOTE TO PUT IT ON THE BALLOT.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE
21 URGENCY OF WHAT IT IS BECAUSE SOMEBODY IS GOING ON VACATION
22 AND THEY CAN'T VOTE FOR IT, IS THAT WHAT THE ISSUE IS?

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO, IT'S THAT EVERY TIME -- I
25 GUESS EVERY TIME YOU ASK SOMEBODY -- THAT WE ASK SOMEBODY TO



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1 COME BACK TO THE BOARD, IT DELAYS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
2 SOMETHING BY A WEEK OR TWO WEEKS.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT WE WANT TO DO.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BUT IF THE ISSUE IS -- IF THE
7 ISSUE IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT IS TO GET TO A POINT WHERE THE
8 LEGISLATURE HAS VOTED TO PUT THIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ON
9 THE BALLOT, THEN WE'LL DO THAT. BUT ONCE THEY DO THAT, WE
10 DON'T NEED TO HAVE HIM COME BACK TO THE BOARD, TAKE ANOTHER
11 WEEK, ANOTHER TWO-HOUR HEARING. EITHER THEY'RE GOING TO
12 APPOINT THE AMENDMENT THAT'S NOW PENDING OR THEY'RE NOT. IF
13 THEY DO, LET HIM GO AHEAD AND EXERCISE THAT BECAUSE PRESUMABLY
14 THAT'S WHAT WE WERE GOING TO DO, ANYWAY. THAT'S ALL I'M TRYING
15 TO SUGGEST.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN, I UNDERSTAND SOME URGENCY THAT IS HERE. I
18 DON'T KNOW WHY BILL BROUGHT THIS UP, WHICH IT GOES AGAINST OUR
19 PRINCIPLES. I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT. IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO
20 ME. THESE PRINCIPLES FOR ALMOST 10 TO 12 YEARS IF NOT LONGER.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT PRINCIPLES ARE YOU TALKING
23 ABOUT?

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE VERY PRINCIPLES OF HAVING A REVENUE STREAM
2 ATTACHED TO -- RIGHT NOW WE HAVE THE HOPE OF A REVENUE STREAM.
3 I'M JUST WONDERING WHAT IS THE URGENCY, NUMBER ONE? SECOND OF
4 ALL, THE HIRING ISSUE, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, THERE ARE ENOUGH
5 PEOPLE IN PROBATION NOW. THEY'RE WAITING IN THE WINGS. YOU
6 HAVEN'T POSTED THESE POSITIONS. IT'S NOT LIKE EVERYBODY IS
7 LOOKING FOR THEM. AND MARV AND I HAVE HAD ROUND AND ROUND FOR
8 HIS REGULAR POSITIONS THAT HE DOESN'T FILL ON A REGULAR BASIS.
9 THOSE ARE NOT GREAT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE SENSE OF URGENCY.
10 BUT, AGAIN, MY ISSUE IS LET'S WAIT. AGAIN, ALL OF THE COUNTIES
11 COLLECTIVELY WE HAVE A LEGAL OPINION THAT STATES THAT IF IN
12 FACT THEY DON'T DO SOMETHING EVENTUALLY, NOT THE LEGISLATURE
13 BUT THE VOTERS DON'T PASS THAT, THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT WE
14 CAN GO TO THE STATE AND PUSH THE ISSUE OF UNFUNDED MANDATE.
15 AND I THINK WITH ALL THE COUNTIES IN THE SAME POSITION. ALL I
16 KNOW IS THAT AT THE END OF THE DAY, BILL, IF THEY DON'T COME
17 ACROSS WITH THIS MONEY AND, YES, WE'RE GOING TO INHERIT THIS,
18 IS THAT WHAT WE'RE GOING TO SADDLE OURSELVES WITH NOW? WAIT,
19 WAIT. SADDLE OURSELVES WITH THE FACT THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE
20 TO CUT OTHER SERVICES, OTHER SERVICES TO FULFILL THESE PUBLIC
21 SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES. ALL WE'RE SAYING IS THAT THE
22 TEMPORARY DOESN'T REALLY HURT US ALL THAT MUCH OTHER THAN
23 HAVING TWO DEPARTMENT HEADS COMPLAIN TO YOU THAT THEY CAN'T
24 FILL THESE POSITIONS. AND IF YOU HAVE KNOWN ANYTHING ABOUT
25 MENTAL HEALTH, THAT HAS COME FROM THE OTHER SIDE, FROM THIS



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1 SIDE OF THE TABLE, AS WELL. SO I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY
2 THERE'S A CHANGE WITH ALL OF IT, WHEN YOU COULD HAVE WAITED
3 FOR TWO WEEKS. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THE SENSE OF URGENCY
4 IS.

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6 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WELL THE ONE THING, IF I MAY, IF I MAY. IN THE
7 GOVERNOR'S BUDGET, THIS IS NOT THE MAY REVISED, BUT IN THE
8 GOVERNOR'S BUDGET, THERE IS FUNDING FOR THIS PARTICULAR
9 PROGRAM, FOR A.B.109. WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS AN
10 INITIATIVE, I MEAN WHAT'S IN THE MAY REVISED IS THE
11 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. BUT THE GOVERNOR'S INITIATIVE TO PUT
12 A TAX INCREASE ON THE BUDGET IS GOING TO BE ON THE BALLOT. WE
13 DO KNOW THAT. BUT I WOULD NOT RECOMMEND A PROGRAM THAT DOES
14 NOT HAVE FUNDING. AND THE FACT THAT IT IS IN THE BUDGET IS THE
15 BASIS FOR ME RECOMMENDING THIS PARTICULAR PROPOSAL, PARTICULAR
16 FUNDING PROPOSAL. THE REASON WHY WE'RE SAYING WE NEED TO GO
17 FORWARD IS I'M CONVINCED THAT THIS PROGRAM IS HERE TO STAY. I
18 THINK IT'S ALL BUT IMPOSSIBLE TO THINK THAT THE STATE WILL SAY
19 WELL WE'VE MADE A MISTAKE, WE'LL TAKE IT BACK. THEY'VE ALREADY
20 DISMANTLED THE PROGRAM. THEY'VE SENT IT TO THE COUNTIES. WE'RE
21 GOING TO HAVE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS PROGRAM. WE DO HAVE IT
22 IN THE STATE'S BUDGET FOR '12-'13. THERE'S A COMMITMENT FROM
23 AT LEAST THIS GOVERNOR TO HAVE FUNDING FOR IT. BUT WHAT HE'S
24 TRYING TO DO IS TO SEND FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT THAT
25 WOULD GUARANTEE THE FUNDING FOR NOW AND ON AN ONGOING BASIS.



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1 BUT WE DO HAVE FUNDING IN THE BUDGET, IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR
2 NEXT YEAR. I THINK WHAT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAS PRESENTED
3 WOULD ALLOW US IN TWO WEEKS ONCE THE TRAILER BILLS ARE
4 APPROVED TO MOVE THIS FORWARD.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** JUST FOR CLARIFICATION, THAT THE
7 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS THE ONE
8 THAT HAS BEEN IN CIRCULATION FOR A NUMBER OF WEEKS. IF IT
9 CHANGES IN ANY SUBSTANTIVE WAY, WHICH I DOUBT IT WILL BETWEEN
10 NOW AND THEN, THEN YOU SHOULD COME BACK TO US.

11

12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, SIR.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. CALL THE ROLL. MR.
15 CHAIRMAN, BEFORE I DO THAT, CAN I JUST MAKE SURE YOU'RE DOING
16 THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISOR
17 MOLINA'S MOTION? BECAUSE YOU STILL WANT THE APPROPRIATION TO
18 MOVE FORWARD, CORRECT?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CORRECT.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SO IT'S JUST THE SECOND PART. SO WHAT'S ON
23 THE TABLE IS, CORRECT, THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION PRESENTED BY
24 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
25 THOMAS. SO SUPERVISOR MOLINA?



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE AMENDMENT.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE. FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

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10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR
11 KNABE?

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13 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AYE. OKAY. IT'S APPROVED. THAT'S
22 THE SUBSTITUTE. NOW WE HAVE THE WHOLE ITEM AS AMENDED. OR IS
23 THAT A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE WHOLE THING? DOES THAT INCLUDE THE
24 APPROVAL OF THE APPROPRIATION?

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IT INCLUDED THE APPROVAL OF THE
2 APPROPRIATION.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THEN IT'S APPROVED. OKAY. NEXT
5 ITEM. YOU'RE UP.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NEXT ITEM, IS IT 85 THE WATER QUALITY?

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES. CAN WE HAVE THE STAFF UP
10 HERE ON ITEM 85? COULD WE MARK -- HEY, SHERIFF, POWERS? MAKE
11 ROOM FOR THE NEXT VICTIMS. ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE US A SUCCINCT
12 REPORT BEFORE WE HAVE THE PUBLIC HEARING?

13

14 **MARK PESTRELLA:** IF YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE IT.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. JUST KEEP IT CRISP.

17

18 **MARK PESTRELLA:** OKAY.

19

20 **GAIL FARBER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY, MEMBERS OF
21 THE BOARD, AS DIRECTED BY YOUR BOARD, PUBLIC WORKS IS
22 SUBMITTING FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION A COMPREHENSIVE FUNDING
23 PROGRAM TO ADDRESS THE WATER QUALITY CHALLENGES FACED BY THE
24 COUNTY AND INCORPORATED COMMUNITIES AND THE 87 CITIES WITHIN
25 THE L.A. COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT. THE RECOMMENDED



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1 PROGRAM IS THE RESULT OF AN EXTENSIVE COLLABORATIVE EFFORT
2 DESIGNED OVER A SPAN OF FOUR YEARS ENGAGING A COALITION OF
3 MUNICIPALITIES, ALL SIX COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS, ENVIRONMENTAL
4 GROUPS, BUSINESSES, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS,
5 SCIENTISTS, AND OTHER VITAL STAKEHOLDERS. THE CLEAN WATER
6 BEACHES, CLEAN WATER QUALITY PROGRAM PROPOSES A SUSTAINABLE
7 LONG-TERM FUNDING MECHANISM THAT IS ECONOMICALLY VIABLE,
8 SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE, AND ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE. IN OUR
9 EXTENSIVE STUDY OF COUNTY WATERWAYS WE HAVE DETERMINED THAT
10 MOST OF THE WATER BODIES WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUFFER FROM
11 POOR WATER QUALITY DUE TO AN OVERABUNDANCE OF TRASH,
12 INFECTION-CAUSING BACTERIA, TOXIC CHEMICALS, LEAD, COPPER AND
13 OTHER METALS, OIL AND GREASE. THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL
14 PROTECTION AGENCY HAS DESIGNATED WATER BODIES WITHIN LOS
15 ANGELES RIVER, SAN GABRIEL RIVER, DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL, MALIBU,
16 SANTA CLARA RIVER AND BALLONA CREEK WATERSHEDS AS FAILING TO
17 MEET THE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT. AND
18 ACCORDING TO A STUDY CONDUCTED BY U.C.L.A., AS MANY AS 500
19 CHILDREN AND ADULTS CONTRACT A GASTROINTESTINAL DISEASE EACH
20 YEAR AFTER SWIMMING AT L.A. COUNTY BEACH OR LAKE RESULTING IN
21 \$15 MILLION IN ANNUAL HEALTHCARE COSTS. OUR RECOMMENDATION
22 TODAY IS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM DESIGNED TO STOP THE
23 DEGRADATION OF PRECIOUS RIVERS, LAKES, STREAMS AND COASTAL
24 WATERS AND PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE AND THE ECONOMIC
25 VITALITY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGION. THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN



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1 BEACHES PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE FOR STRUCTURAL INSTITUTIONAL
2 WATER QUALITY SOLUTIONS THAT KEEP CHEMICALS, BACTERIA AND
3 TRASH OUT OF WATERWAYS AND OFF LOCAL BEACHES BY DIVERTING
4 POLLUTED RUNOFF AWAY FROM WATER BODIES. IT WILL INSTALL TENS
5 OF THOUSANDS OF FILTERS AND SCREENS ON STORM DRAINS AND
6 GUTTERS. IT WILL PROTECT LOCAL SOURCES OF DRINKING WATER FROM
7 CONTAMINATION AND INCREASE AVAILABLE DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES.
8 IT WILL EXPAND AND RESTORE WETLANDS, PARKS AND OPEN SPACE
9 AREAS FOR VITAL GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT. AND THE PROGRAM
10 WILL ALSO PROVIDE FOR WATER QUALITY SOLUTIONS THAT GENERATE
11 LOCAL JOBS IN CONSTRUCTION, ENGINEERING, LANDSCAPING AND
12 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES. AMONG THE AGENCIES THAT HAVE TAKEN
13 FORMAL ACTION IN SUPPORT OF TODAY'S RECOMMENDATION ARE THREE
14 COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTING 60 CITIES WITHIN THE
15 COUNTY. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, THE COUNCIL FOR WATERSHED
16 HEALTH, HEAL THE BAY, TREE PEOPLE, THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LANDS,
17 THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS AND THE REGIONAL WATER
18 QUALITY CONTROL BOARD. MANY OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE
19 REPRESENTATIVES HERE TODAY. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR YOUR
20 VISION AND LEADERSHIP OVER THE YEARS AND SUPPORT OF CLEAN
21 WATERS AND CLEAN BEACHES FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND ALSO THANK
22 ALL OF OUR PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS WHO HAVE WORKED CLOSELY
23 WITH US IN DEVELOPING THIS PROGRAM. AT THIS TIME, I'D LIKE TO
24 HAVE PUBLIC WORKS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MARK PESTRELLA PROVIDE



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1 THE DETAILS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE YOU TODAY. HE IS
2 JOINED BY COUNTY COUNSEL AND MEMBERS OF OUR CONSULTANT TEAM.

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4 **MARK PESTRELLA:** THANK YOU DIRECTOR FARBER. MY NAME IS MARK
5 PESTRELLA, I'M ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS. TODAY WE
6 ARE RECOMMENDING THE BOARD AUTHORIZE THE FLOOD CONTROL
7 DISTRICT TO INITIATE THE PROCESS FOR A PROTEST HEARING IN
8 CONFORMANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF PROPOSITION 218 RELATED TO
9 THE POTENTIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF A FEE TO FUND THE CLEAN WATER
10 CLEAN BEACHES WATER QUALITY PROGRAM. IT'S MY PROFESSIONAL
11 JUDGMENT THAT THE PROPOSED CLEAN WATER CLEAN BEACHES WATER
12 QUALITY PROGRAM IS SCIENTIFICALLY SOUND AND WILL EFFECTIVELY
13 ADDRESS THE DEGRADATION OF WATER QUALITY WITHIN THE SERVICE
14 WATERS HERE IN L.A. COUNTY WHILE PROVIDING PARTICIPATING
15 MUNICIPALITIES WITH A SUSTAINABLE SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR WATER
16 QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS. AS DIRECTOR FARBER MENTIONED, THE
17 NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF POLLUTED YEAR ROUND RUNOFF PRESENT SERIOUS
18 IMPACTS TO THE BENEFICIAL USES OF OUR WATERS. EXAMPLES OF
19 POLLUTED WATER BODIES ACROSS THE COUNTY INCLUDE LEGG LAKE,
20 LOCATED IN SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1, WHERE POLLUTANTS INCLUDE
21 TRASH AND NUTRIENTS. COMPTON CREEK, LOCATED IN SUPERVISORIAL
22 DISTRICT 2, WHERE POLLUTANTS FOUND THERE INCLUDE BACTERIA,
23 TRASH AND METALS. MALIBU CREEK, LOCATED IN SUPERVISORIAL
24 DISTRICT 3, POLLUTANTS INCLUDE BACTERIA, TRASH AND NUTRIENTS.
25 AND THE MARINA DEL REY HARBOR, LOCATED IN SUPERVISORIAL



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1 DISTRICT 4, POLLUTANTS INCLUDE BACTERIA, AND LEGACY D.D.T. AND
2 P.C.B.S. SANTA CLARA RIVER, LOCATED IN SUPERVISORIAL 5, THE
3 POLLUTANTS THERE INCLUDE BACTERIA, TRASH, NUTRIENTS AND FLORA.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MARK, CAN I STOP YOU FOR A
6 SECOND. WE NEED A CLARIFICATION OF THE LAST ITEM. THE LAST
7 ITEM WAS NUMBER WHAT? OKAY. THE CLARIFICATION IS THAT THE
8 SUBSTITUTE WAS ONLY ON THAT PORTION THAT DEALT WITH ITEM 2 OF
9 THE BOARD REPORT.

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11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 1, WHICH IS THE
14 APPROPRIATION, WAS NOT VOTED ON SEPARATELY. SO I'LL MOVE IT
15 NOW. I'LL MOVE RECONSIDERATION. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE ITEM IS
16 RECONSIDERED ON ITEM 1. I'LL MOVE THAT ITEM 1 --

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** REGARDING THE APPROPRIATION.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE APPROPRIATION BE APPROVED.
21 SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. YEAH, I
22 DON'T THINK THEY HAD ANY OBJECTION TO THE APPROPRIATION. OKAY.
23 IT WAS ONLY ON ITEM 2. ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS
24 VOTE.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NO.

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE APPROPRIATION, WE NEEDED
4 TO VOTE ON THE APPROPRIATION.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE NEEDED A SEPARATE VOTE ON THE
7 APPROPRIATION.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SEPARATE FROM THE OTHER THING. I
10 DON'T THINK YOU HAD ANY OBJECTION TO THAT. ALL RIGHT.
11 UNANIMOUS VOTE. LET'S MOVE ON. MR. PESTRELLA, YOU'RE BACK ON.

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13 **MARK PESTRELLA:** OKAY, THANK YOU. AND IN CONTINUING THE SANTA
14 MONICA BAY POLLUTANTS INCLUDE BACTERIA AND TRASH. THE IMPACTS
15 OF POLLUTED RUNOFF ARE QUANTIFIED BY MY STAFF ANNUALLY THROUGH
16 AN EXTENSIVE SYSTEM OF STREAM AND CHANNEL MONITORING, WATER
17 QUALITY MONITORING BY OUR COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH, CITIES AND
18 INDEPENDENT MONITORING IS PERFORMED BY A NUMBER OF NONPROFIT
19 AGENCIES. THE DATA COLLECTED OVER MORE THAN 20 YEARS PAINT A
20 PICTURE OF DEGRADED AND IN SOME CASES INCREASING DEGRADATION
21 OF OUR WATER QUALITY IN ALL THE MAJOR WATER BODIES THROUGHOUT
22 THE COUNTY. THE IMPACTS OF THIS POLLUTION ARE NUMEROUS AND
23 INCLUDE ECONOMIC, HUMAN HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. THE
24 NUMBER 1 SOURCE OF POLLUTION AFFECTING OUR WATERWAYS IS YEAR
25 ROUND POLLUTION IS GENERATED ON PRIVATE AND PUBLIC PROPERTY



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1 AND CONVEYED BY SURFACE WATER TO OUR RIVERS, LAKES, AND THE
2 OCEAN. BEGINNING IN 2005 AT YOUR DIRECTION, PUBLIC WORKS, IN
3 COLLABORATION WITH LOCAL CITIES, THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL
4 ENGINEERS, ENVIRONMENTALISTS, WATER MANAGERS, SCIENTISTS AND
5 THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY INCLUDING THE BUILDING INDUSTRY AND
6 REGULATORS, CONDUCTED TECHNICAL STUDIES AND PUBLIC OUTREACH
7 AND PUBLIC OPINION SURVEYS TO ASSESS THE OPTIONS FOR A
8 COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM INCLUDING A SUSTAINABLE FUNDING
9 MECHANISM TO ADDRESS THE EFFECTS OF POLLUTED RUNOFF ON OUR
10 RIVERS, LAKES AND BEACHES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AS A RESULT
11 OF THAT RESEARCH, A PARCEL-BASED FEE PROGRAM WAS FOUND TO
12 PROVIDE THE STRONGEST NEXUS TO TREATING POLLUTANT RUNOFF
13 GENERATED BY LAND PARCELS WITHIN DISTINCT WATERSHED
14 BOUNDARIES. THIS RESEARCH, ALONG WITH THE EXPERIENCE GAINED BY
15 PUBLIC WORKS OVER THE LAST 17 YEARS, IS THE FOUNDATION FOR OUR
16 RECOMMENDATION TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CLEAN
17 WATER, CLEAN BEACHES WATER QUALITY PROGRAM. THE KEY ELEMENTS
18 OF THIS PROGRAM INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING. THE PROGRAM WILL BE
19 ADMINISTERED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT.
20 THE PROGRAM WILL FOCUS ON IMPROVEMENT OF WATER QUALITY WITHIN
21 DESIGNATED IMPAIRED WATER BODIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS
22 ANGELES AND CONTAINED WITHIN DISTINCT WATERSHED BOUNDARIES OF
23 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT. POLLUTION
24 CONTAINED WITHIN RUNOFF WILL BE CAPTURED AT THE SOURCE AND
25 WITHIN REGIONAL FACILITIES, TREATED AND WHERE FEASIBLE



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1 RECHARGED WITH A NEW WATER CONSERVATION AND REUSE FACILITIES
2 PROTECTING SOURCES OF DRINKING WATER AND SUPPLEMENTING THE
3 LOCAL WATER SUPPLY. IT ALSO ENCOURAGES PROJECTS THAT ENHANCE
4 FLOOD PROTECTION, RESTORE WETLANDS, RIPARIAN AND COASTAL
5 HABITATS, PROTECT HUMAN HEALTH AND SAFETY AND PROMOTE
6 ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION. THE PROGRAM FEES WILL BE COLLECTED
7 WITHIN DISTINCT WATERSHED BOUNDARIES AND RESTRICT TO FUNDING
8 QUALIFIED IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE SAME WATERSHED BOUNDARIES.
9 THE PROPOSED FEE WOULD BE ADDED TO THE CONSOLIDATED PROPERTY
10 TAX BILL OF MORE THAN 2 MILLION PARCELS AND BE COLLECTED BY
11 THE COUNTY TREASURER. THE FEE WOULD BE BASED ON LAND USE AND
12 PARCEL SIZE WITH A FEE FOR HOMEOWNERS RANGING FROM \$8 TO \$83 A
13 YEAR. COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OWNERS WOULD PAY MORE
14 IN DIRECT PROPORTION TO VOLUME OF RUNOFF DISCHARGED FROM THEIR
15 PROPERTIES. THE FEE IS PROJECTED TO RAISE ABOUT \$270 MILLION A
16 YEAR TO BE ALLOCATED AS FOLLOWS: 40 PERCENT TO CITIES AND
17 COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREAS FOR LOCAL WATER QUALITY
18 IMPROVEMENTS. 50 DISTRIBUTED TO REGIONAL WATERSHED AREA GROUPS
19 FOR COLLABORATIVE WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLANS IN THEIR
20 WATERSHED AREAS AND 10 PERCENT TO THE DISTRICT, THE FLOOD
21 CONTROL DISTRICT FOR COUNTYWIDE WATER QUALITY MONITORING,
22 WATER QUALITY PROJECTS, PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION OF
23 PROGRAMS. SIGNIFICANT CHECKS AND BALANCES HAVE BEEN
24 INCORPORATED TO SAFEGUARD THE FUNDS AND PROVIDE
25 ACCOUNTABILITY, INCLUDING ANNUAL AUDITS AND THE FORMATION OF A



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1 BOARD-APPOINTED OVERSIGHT BOARD. THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE
2 FUNDING STRUCTURE, WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE
3 LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ACT AND ARTICLE 13-D, SECTION
4 6 OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION AS FOLLOWS. ARTICLE 13-D,
5 SECTION 6 OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION WHICH IS PART OF
6 PROPOSITION 218 REQUIRES A PROTEST HEARING, AND ELECTION FOR A
7 PROPERTY-RELATED FEE. UPON YOUR APPROVAL TODAY, THE DISTRICT
8 WILL PREPARE A PROTEST HEARING TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER OF THIS
9 YEAR AND WILL GIVE NOTICE OF SAID PROTEST HEARING TO ALL
10 PROPERTY OWNERS SUBJECT TO THE FEE. IF THERE ARE WRITTEN
11 PROTESTS SUBMITTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS, THE
12 BOARD MAY NOT IMPOSE THE FEE. IF THERE IS NO MAJORITY PROTEST,
13 THE BOARD MAY SCHEDULE AN ELECTION ON THE FEE. UPON YOUR BOARD
14 INSTRUCTION, THE DISTRICT WILL PROCEED WITH AN ELECTION AND A
15 PROPERTY ELECTION WOULD BE CONDUCTED. THE DISTRICT WILL --
16 OKAY. SO THAT'S THAT. LET ME GET TO NEXT STEPS. THE NEXT STEPS
17 IN OUR EFFORT ARE UPON BOARD APPROVAL OF TODAY'S ITEM, PUBLIC
18 WORKS WILL BEGIN A PUBLIC EDUCATION EFFORT AND CONDUCT A
19 PROTEST HEARING. WE WOULD EXPECT TO COME BACK TO YOUR BOARD IN
20 DECEMBER 2012 TO PRESENT THE RESULTS OF THE PROTEST HEARING
21 WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO HOLD AN ELECTION IF THERE IS NO
22 MAJORITY PROTEST. UPON YOUR BOARD'S APPROVAL, AN ELECTION
23 WOULD BE SET. THIS CONCLUDES MY OVERVIEW OF THE KEY PROGRAM
24 ELEMENTS AND I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY
25 HAVE.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ANYBODY ELSE AT THE
3 TABLE WANT TO BE HEARD? ALL RIGHT. DO YOU WANT TO DO IT NOW?
4 WE HAVE SOME PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE HEARD. I DON'T KNOW HOW
5 MANY ARE STILL HERE, BUT LET ME CALL FOUR PEOPLE AT A TIME. SO
6 IF YOU'RE HERE, COME TO THE CENTER TABLE. MEMBERS OF THE
7 PUBLIC HAVE ASKED TO BE HEARD. MICHAEL ANTOS? IS MICHAEL HERE?
8 HE IS. VICE MAYOR SUJA LOWENTHAL, LONG BEACH? BIKE RIDING
9 PARTNER. DANIEL RYNN FROM THE CITY OF BURBANK? AND PAULA
10 DANIELS, CITY OF L.A. IS PAULA HERE? SHE IS, OKAY. GREAT.
11 MICHAEL.

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13 **MICHAEL ANTOS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
14 OF SUPERVISORS, I'M MICHAEL ANTOS, I'M THE RESEARCH MANAGER AT
15 THE COUNCIL FOR WATERSHED HEALTH. I'M HERE AT THE DIRECTION OF
16 OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO VOICE THE COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR THE
17 CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES PROGRAM. THE COUNCIL FOR WATERSHED
18 HEALTH IS THE REGION'S TRUSTED HUB FOR ESSENTIAL WATERSHED
19 RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS. OUR MISSION IS TO FACILITATE AN
20 INCLUSIVE CONSENSUS PROCESS TO ENHANCE THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL
21 AND ECOLOGICAL HEALTH OF THE REGION'S WATERSHEDS. OUR 2025 IS
22 OF A LOS ANGELES REGION THAT IS A MODEL OF SUSTAINABLE
23 WATERSHED MANAGEMENT CONTRIBUTING TO A VIBRANT ECONOMY AND
24 HEALTHY COMMUNITIES. THE COUNCIL HAS PARTICIPATED WITH THE LOS
25 ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AS THIS MEASURE WAS



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1 DEVELOPED. OUR RESEARCH SHOWS THAT CAPTURING AND INFILTRATING
2 STORM WATER IMPROVES THE SURFACE WATER QUALITY THROUGHOUT THE
3 WATERSHED WHILE ALSO PROVIDING A SUSTAINABLE LOCAL WATER
4 SUPPLY. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE CLEAN WATER CLEAN BEACHES
5 PROGRAM WILL IMPROVE THE CONDITION OF OUR WATERSHEDS, STREAMS
6 AND BEACHES IN SUPPORT OF HUMAN HEALTH AND WELFARE. THIS
7 PROPOSED PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE FUNDING AND GOVERNANCE
8 MECHANISMS TO ENABLE CITIES AND THE COUNTY TO WORK TOGETHER ON
9 WATERSHED PLANNING AND PROJECTS, ALIGNED CLOSELY WITH
10 INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT, MULTI-BENEFICIAL
11 PROJECTS WILL BE SUPPORTED THAT WHILE WORKING TO MITIGATE
12 WATER QUALITY CONCERNS, CAN ALSO PROVIDE MORE LOCAL WATER
13 SUPPLIES, OPEN SPACE AND NATIVE HABITAT. THE COUNCIL FOR
14 WATERSHED HEALTH ASKS THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE DIRECTOR OF
15 PUBLIC WORKS' RECOMMENDATION TO MOVE FORWARD ON THIS IMPORTANT
16 PROGRAM. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUJA?

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20 **SUJA LOWENTHAL:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. MY NAME IS SUJA
21 LOWENTHAL, VICE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH. AND I'VE
22 WORKED IN VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE WATER INDUSTRY FOR THE LAST
23 14 YEARS. I'M HERE TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR THIS ORDINANCE
24 AND URGE YOUR IMMEDIATE ACTION ON THIS ITEM TODAY. LONG BEACH
25 HAS A DEEP VESTED INTEREST, NEARLY 100 POLLUTANTS AFFECT OUR



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1 500 MILES OF RIVERS, STREAMS AND THE REGION'S COASTAL WATERS
2 AND BEACHES. SITTING AT THE TERMINUS OF BOTH THE LOS ANGELES
3 AND SAN GABRIEL RIVERS, LONG BEACH IS THE RECEIVER OF HUNDREDS
4 OF THOUSANDS OF TONS OF TRASH, URBAN RUNOFF AND POLLUTANTS
5 EACH YEAR AND EVERY YEAR FROM OUR UPSTREAM NEIGHBORS. DESPITE
6 THIS DISADVANTAGE, LONG BEACH HAS MADE NOTABLE AND SIGNIFICANT
7 IMPROVEMENTS IN OUR WATER QUALITY OVER THE YEARS. IN FACT,
8 LAST YEAR, 93 PERCENT OF OUR BEACHES RECEIVED A AND B GRADES
9 FROM HEAL THE BAY, IN A REMARKABLE TURN-AROUND FROM 2007 WHERE
10 ONLY 12 PERCENT OF OUR BEACHES RECEIVED A'S AND B'S. HOWEVER,
11 THERE'S STILL MUCH WORK TO DO. THIS SUCCESS CANNOT CONTINUE
12 AND CANNOT BE SUSTAINED WITHOUT CONTINUED INVESTMENT IN OUR
13 STORM WATER SYSTEM THAT THIS ORDINANCE WOULD PROVIDE. WE
14 ACHIEVE THAT SUCCESS BY DILIGENTLY PURSUING GRANTS TO INVEST
15 IN OUR STORM WATER SYSTEMS, INVESTING \$6 MILLION IN THE
16 COLORADO LAGOON ALONE TO BRING IT FROM CONSISTENT F GRADES TO
17 A'S AND B'S THIS YEAR. PART OF OUR SUCCESS ON OUR BEACHES IS
18 LINKED TO THE \$10 MILLION STIMULUS GRANT THAT INSTALLED TRASH
19 CAPTURE DEVICES IN 12,000 STORM DRAIN CATCH BASINS IN 16
20 CITIES ALONG THE L.A. RIVER MAKING THEM 100 PERCENT TRASH
21 COMPLIANT. IT'S INVESTMENTS SUCH AS THESE THAT HAVE TANGIBLE
22 BENEFITS IN WATER QUALITY THAT NEED TO CONTINUE. AND THIS
23 ORDINANCE IS THE ONLY WAY TO INSURE CONTINUED INVESTMENT BY
24 OUR UPSTREAM CITIES AND STORM WATER QUALITY. IT'S BEEN A LONG
25 DISCUSSION. I KNOW MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN IT. BUT



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1 OUR UPSTREAM NEIGHBORS ARE NOW WILLING TO INVEST IN THEIR
2 STORM WATER SYSTEMS, AS WELL; HOWEVER, THEY REQUIRE A RELIABLE
3 FUNDING SOURCE TO MAKE THESE IMPROVEMENTS. LONG BEACH HAS
4 WORKED VERY HARD ON THIS FEE SINCE 2009, SUPPORTING THE STATE
5 LEGISLATION TO ENACT THIS FEE AND NEGOTIATING THE FINER POINTS
6 OF THE ORDINANCE BEFORE YOU TODAY ALONG WITH THE GATEWAY
7 CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS. FOR LONG BEACH, THIS FEE MEANS
8 \$4.5 MILLION EACH AND EVERY YEAR THAT WE CAN INVEST IN OUR
9 STORM WATER SYSTEM. IN ADDITION TO ACCESS TO A REGIONAL POT OF
10 NEARLY \$30 MILLION TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY IN THE LOS ANGELES
11 AND SAN GABRIEL RIVERS, THERE IS POPULAR SUPPORT FOR THIS
12 MEASURE WITH 60 PERCENT OF VOTERS SUPPORTING IT THROUGHOUT THE
13 COUNTY AND 68 PERCENT SUPPORT IN LONG BEACH WHERE WATER
14 QUALITY IS A CORE QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUE FOR OUR RESIDENTS. I
15 PERSONALLY URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE STORM WATER ORDINANCE TODAY
16 AND PUT THIS BEFORE THE VOTERS. THEY DESERVE TO HAVE THE
17 CHANCE TO VOTE ON THIS CRITICAL ISSUE TO IMPROVE OUR WATER
18 QUALITY FOR OUR CHILDREN AND GENERATIONS TO COME. THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DANIEL RYNN?

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22 **DANIEL RYNN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE BOARD MEMBERS. I'M
23 DANIEL RYNN, ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF
24 BURBANK. BURBANK FULLY SUPPORTS INITIATIVES AND EFFORTS THAT
25 PROMOTE AND SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP. ALTHOUGH THE



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1 INTENT OF THIS WATER QUALITY FUNDING INITIATIVE IS TO ADDRESS
2 VARIOUS POLLUTION ISSUES RELATED TO URBAN RUNOFF, BURBANK
3 CANNOT SUPPORT THE CURRENT ORDINANCE PROGRAM ELEMENTS AS
4 PROPOSED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS. THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE IS
5 PREMATURE, LACKING CRITICAL SUPPORT DOCUMENTS TO JUSTIFY THE
6 FEES AND EXPLAIN POLICIES. ONE DOCUMENT NOT PROVIDED AT THIS
7 TIME IS THE ENGINEERS' REPORT, PREVENTING US FROM CLEARLY
8 UNDERSTANDING THE METHODOLOGY FOR CALCULATING THE FEE AND THE
9 ESTIMATED FEE REVENUE. ADDITIONALLY, AT THIS TIME WE CANNOT
10 PREDICT THE IMPACT TO THE CITY OF BURBANK'S GENERAL FUND FOR
11 CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES. THESE DOLLAR FIGURES COULD EASILY REACH
12 INTO THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS. LASTLY, THE DRAFT ORDINANCE
13 QUITE OFTEN MENTIONS AN IMPLEMENTATION MANUAL AND IS ALSO
14 MENTIONED A FEW TIMES IN THE PROGRAM ELEMENTS BUT IS ABSENT IN
15 THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY. THIS DOCUMENT APPEARS TO BE QUITE
16 IMPORTANT AND IS DEFINED IN THE ORDINANCE AS "GOALS, POLICIES,
17 GUIDELINES, PROCEDURES, STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS PREPARED BY
18 THE CHIEF ENGINEER AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
19 IMPLEMENT THIS CHAPTER." UNFORTUNATELY THIS DOCUMENT IS NOT
20 AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. ALTHOUGH WE SEE BENEFITS TO THIS
21 INITIATIVE, THE ABSENCE OF THESE KEY DOCUMENTS PRECLUDE US
22 FROM KNOWING THE DETAILS FOR FEE CALCULATION AND ALL THE
23 REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES NECESSARY FOR PROGRAM
24 IMPLEMENTATION. THERE ARE STILL TOO MANY UNKNOWNNS AT THIS



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1 TIME. AND FOR THESE REASONS, WE CANNOT SUPPORT THE COUNTY
2 FUNDING INITIATIVE AS CURRENTLY PROPOSED. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. PAULA DANIELS? PAULA,
5 HANG ON. LET ME CALL UP A FEW OTHERS. DAVID MCNEILL, IS HE
6 HERE? HE LEFT. MIMI SOTO, IS SHE HERE? SHE'S COMING. JOYCE
7 DILLARD AND MICHAEL DRENNAN? OKAY. COME ON DOWN. PAULA.

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9 **PAULA DANIELS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE BOARD MEMBERS. MY
10 NAME IS PAULA DANIELS. I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF L.A.
11 I AM THE MAYOR'S SENIOR ADVISER ON FOOD POLICIES, SPECIALTY
12 PROJECTS AND WATER. AND BEFORE I HAD THAT TITLE LAST YEAR, I
13 WAS A PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSIONER FOR MANY YEARS. I ALSO SHOULD
14 SAY I'M A PROPERTY OWNER OF THE CITY OF L.A. AND I SPEND QUITE
15 A BIT OF TIME PADDLING IN THE WATERS OF THE MARINA DEL REY SO
16 I FEEL VERY CLOSELY CONNECTED TO THIS IN A NUMBER OF WAYS AND
17 I'M VERY HAPPY TO BE HERE IN SUPPORT. I ALSO WANT TO
18 ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK YOUR COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
19 FOR THE MANY YEARS THEY PUT INTO DEVELOPING THIS PROPOSED
20 ORDINANCE. WE'VE BEEN WATCHING IT VERY CLOSELY. WE'VE HAD OUR
21 CITY FOLKS INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. IT'S A VERY
22 THOROUGHLY, WELL DEVELOPED PROPOSAL WHICH WE'RE HAPPY TO
23 SUPPORT. YESTERDAY AS YOU HEARD EARLIER, OUR CITY COUNCIL
24 PASSED A RESOLUTION WHICH WAS SIGNED BY MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA IN
25 SUPPORT OF THIS PROPOSED ORDINANCE AND IN DOING SO, THE CITY



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1 OF L.A. RECOGNIZED AS YOU ALL DO THAT WE DO FACE SIGNIFICANT
2 STORM WATER AND URBAN RUNOFF CHALLENGES. IN OUR CIT
3 RESOLUTION, WE ALSO AGREE WITH AND SUPPORT THE VERY THOUGHTFUL
4 REGIONAL APPROACH, THE REGIONAL WATERSHED APPROACH AND WE
5 APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COLLABORATE WHICH IS SET FORTH
6 IN THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THIS PROPOSED ORDINANCE. IF ADOPTED,
7 THIS ORDINANCE WOULD ADVANCE SOME REALLY IMPORTANT WATER
8 QUALITY OBJECTIVES THROUGHOUT THE REGION, AND WE'RE
9 PARTICULARLY HAPPY TO SEE THE MULTIPLE BENEFIT APPROACH THAT
10 THIS PROPOSED ORDINANCE HAS. AND IT WILL ALSO ADVANCE THE
11 GOALS THAT WE ALL VERY MUCH CARE ABOUT OF OPEN SPACE AND
12 RECREATION AND THE VERY IMPORTANT REVITALIZATION OF THE LOS
13 ANGELES RIVER. THERE'S ANOTHER ASPECT TO THIS, IN THAT IT WILL
14 CREATE JOBS. WE WERE PART OF THE STUDY, THE ECONOMIC ROUND
15 TABLE DID LAST YEAR, WHICH WAS RELEASED IN DECEMBER OF 2011
16 THAT SHOWED THAT JOBS IN STORM WATER, CAPTURE AND FILTRATION
17 ARE COMPARABLE TO THAT OF JOBS IN COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION.
18 COMPARABLE NUMBER OF JOBS CREATED AS TO THAT IN COMMERCIAL
19 CONSTRUCTION AND ACTUALLY THE BENEFITS, EXCUSE ME, THE WAGES
20 PAID IN THOSE JOBS CREATED BY STORM WATER PROJECTS ARE TWICE
21 AS GOOD AS IN COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION. SO IT'S A REALLY
22 IMPORTANT BOOST FOR OUR ECONOMY TO HAVE THIS PROPOSED
23 ORDINANCE AND THE RESULTS OF IT TAKE EFFECT AS SOON AS
24 POSSIBLE. ONE OF THE BENEFITS OF THE ORDINANCE IS THAT IT
25 PROVIDES FOR MAINTENANCE. THERE'S ALSO QUITE A FEW JOBS IN



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1 THAT. AND IT DOESN'T COME IN A NUMBER OF OTHER SOURCES. SO WE
2 HOPE THAT YOU'RE ABLE TO IMMEDIATELY TAKE ACTION TO MOVE THIS
3 FORWARD TO TAKE THE VERY IMPORTANT STEP TO HEAL OUR PART OF
4 THE OCEANS, TO REVITALIZE OUR RIVERS AND CREATE JOBS FOR OUR
5 RESIDENTS AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON THE
6 MANUAL AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ORDINANCE. THANK YOU VERY
7 MUCH.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MIMI SOTO.

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11 **MIMI SOTO:** YEAH, HI. MY NAME IS MIMI SOTO, AND I AM A BUSINESS
12 AGENT FOR S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721. I ALSO REPRESENT ALL THE WASTE
13 WATER WORKERS FROM THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND ALSO THE CITY
14 OF SAN FERNANDO AS A UNION REP FOR S.E.I.U. I ALSO WANT TO SAY
15 THAT I AM ALSO A RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY, LIVE IN GRENADA
16 HILLS, STAKEHOLDER IN DISTRICT 3. WE RECENTLY WENT THROUGH A
17 RATE HIKE IN THE CITY OF L.A. WHICH I PERSONALLY SUPPORTED AS
18 A REPRESENTATIVE AND WE SUPPORTED IT AS S.E.I.U. I'M SORRY AS
19 A RESIDENT I SUPPORTED IT AND ALSO S.E.I.U. ALSO SUPPORTED
20 THAT HIKE. AND I WILL ALSO, AS A HOMEOWNER, BE PASSED DOWN IF
21 THIS MOTION IS TO PREVAIL, I WILL BE PASSED DOWN THAT COST,
22 WHICH I'M HAPPY TO PAY. WE BELIEVE THAT ALL COMMUNITIES
23 DESERVE TO BE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES. THEY DESERVE QUALITY WATER.
24 AND AS S.E.I.U. 721, WE SUPPORT THE CREATION OF JOBS IN L.A.
25 COUNTY, AND WE URGE YOU TO PASS MOTION 85 AND WANT TO BE CLEAR



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1 THAT S.E.I.U. 721 STRONGLY SUPPORTS IT. AND I ALSO PERSONALLY
2 SUPPORT IT AS A RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. JOYCE
5 DILLARD?

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7 **JOYCE DILLARD:** YES. I'M OPPOSED TO IT BECAUSE IT'S REALLY A
8 DECEPTIVE ORDINANCE. PROP 218 DOESN'T ALLOW YOU TO KIND OF MIX
9 THESE PROPERTY -- IMPROVEMENTS TO PROPERTY ASPECTS WITH FEES.
10 THIS IS DEFINITELY A FEE ASSESSMENT. AND THERE ARE INDICATIONS
11 IN THIS THAT YOU WANT TO GIVE 16 PERCENT REBATES TO LIVE AND
12 THINGS LIKE THAT, THAT ARE REALLY PARCEL-BASED THAT REALLY
13 DOESN'T QUALIFY UNDER 218. YOU NEED A PLAN. YOU DON'T IDENTIFY
14 ANY SOURCE POINTS. PART OF POLLUTION IS IDENTIFICATION OF
15 SOURCE POINTS NOT NON-SOURCE POINTS, WHICH PUTS A BURDEN ON
16 THE TAXPAYER WITH VERY LITTLE DISCLOSURES IN THIS. YOU HAVE
17 THE "IRWIMPS", WHICH I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT. SO YOU HAVE
18 DOUBLE TAXATION GOING ON HERE. THE SOURCE POINTS ARE IMPORTANT
19 BECAUSE THERE'S INFRASTRUCTURE PROBLEMS, THERE'S METHANE OUT
20 GASSING, THERE'S BROKEN SEWERS, ALL KINDS OF THINGS THAT
21 CONTRIBUTE TO THIS. AND THIS PLAN DOESN'T REALLY ADDRESS THAT.
22 YOU'RE OBLIGATED BY SOME COURT ORDERS AND PERMITTING,
23 M.P.E.D.S., FOR THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS, SO THIS MAKES IT
24 PART OF YOUR REGULAR GOVERNMENT BUSINESS, WHICH DOES NOT
25 QUALIFY UNDER PROP 218. SO I THINK THIS IS A VERY



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1 CHALLENGEABLE ORDINANCE AND VERY POORLY WRITTEN. RIGHT NOW YOU
2 HAVE A COUPLE OF AUTHORITIES, SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION
3 AUTHORITY AND WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY IN THE ORIGINAL
4 PLANNING OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT, AND YOU WANT TO EXTEND IT
5 INTO WHAT PEOPLE ARE ASSUMING IS OPERATION MAINTENANCE WHICH
6 YOU CANNOT DO UNDER PROP 18. AND WHAT YOU HAVE NOT DONE IS ANY
7 FINANCIAL ANALYSIS TO REALLY SEE HOW MUCH IT COSTS. IT COULD
8 COST YOU IN THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS WITH NO REVENUE SOURCE FOR
9 IT. WE ALSO, THERE'S A LACK OF SCIENCE IN HERE. THERE'S A LACK
10 OF MONITORING. YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONITORING STATIONS.
11 THERE'S ALL KINDS OF PROBLEMS AROUND WATERSHED. YOU HAVE TO
12 LOOK AT UPPER WATERSHEDS, NOT BEACHES. SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT
13 PLANS, WHICH YOU HAVE ONE, IT WAS SO POOR, THANK GOD THEY
14 EXTENDED IT FOR 90 DAYS. ONE OF THE WORST PLANS I I'VE SEEN.
15 THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS ABOUT WATER YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND.
16 YOU NEED TO ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS AND I DON'T SEE THE RIGHT
17 QUESTIONS BEING ASKED. YES, WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT
18 WATER, BUT WE NEED TO DO IT WISELY, WE NEED TO DO IT WITH LOW
19 COST, WE NEED TO DO IT SCIENTIFICALLY MONITORING AND GET ON
20 THE TABLE. SOME OF THESE THINGS ARE IN THE BASIN PLANS NOW.
21 SOME OF THESE THINGS ARE BEING PROVED ON THE STATE WATER BOARD
22 LEVEL. THERE ARE SOME APPLICATIONS FOR STATE MANDATES. YOU'RE
23 CROSSING APPLES AND ORANGES HERE. UNTIL SOME OF THOSE THINGS
24 GET DECIDED, DO NOT PUT IT ON THE TAXPAYERS' BACK. WE WILL
25 CHALLENGE IT. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. BEFORE I ASK MICHAEL
3 DRENNAN TO SPEAK, NEXT SPEAKER AFTER HIM WOULD BE LARRY
4 FORESTER, YOU COME DOWN, SIMBOA WRIGHT AND RICHARD WATSON? IS
5 RICHARD HERE? OKAY. MICHAEL DRENNAN.

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7 **MICHAEL DRENNAN:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS MICHAEL DRENNAN, I'M A
8 VICE PRESIDENT WITH WESTON SOLUTIONS, AN INTERNATIONAL
9 ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING COMPANY WITH OFFICES IN LOS ANGELES
10 AND THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA. AND I'M ALSO REPRESENTING THIS
11 MORNING THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS. THE LOS
12 ANGELES SECTION REPRESENTS ABOUT 8,000 LOCAL MEMBERS. AND THE
13 ISSUE BEFORE YOU TODAY IS ALSO CONSISTENT WITH THE NATIONAL
14 AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEER POLICIES THAT REPRESENT THE
15 VIEWS OF 140,000 CIVIL ENGINEERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. I
16 MYSELF AM A THIRD GENERATION CALIFORNIAN, A LICENSED CIVIL
17 ENGINEER IN THE STATE, AND HAVE BEEN WORKING ON WATER SUPPLY
18 AND WATER QUALITY ISSUES FOR THE PAST 30 YEARS, AND IN FACT
19 BEGAN WORKING WITH CARL BLOOM IN L.A. COUNTY ON THE SUN VALLEY
20 WATERSHED PROJECT BACK IN 1998. AND I WAS ALSO A FOUNDING
21 BOARD MEMBER OF THE WATERSHED COUNCIL THAT'S NOW CALLED THE
22 COUNCIL FOR WATERSHED HEALTH WHICH BEGAN IN 1995. I WAS A CO-
23 LEADER OF THAT WITH THE LATE DOROTHY GREEN. CARL AND I SHARED
24 A COMMITTEE WITH A.O.C.E. WHICH BEGAN A COUNTYWIDE
25 CONVERSATION BACK IN 2004 ABOUT THE CHRONIC LACK OF FUNDING



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1 FOR LOCAL WATERSHED ISSUES. AND THIS HAS FORMED THE BASIS FOR
2 THE AGENDA ITEM THAT YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU TODAY. AND AS I WAS
3 GETTING READY THIS MORNING FOR THE HEARING AND THINKING ABOUT
4 WHERE THE WATER FROM MY SHOWER WAS COMING FROM AND HOW I WAS
5 PAYING FOR IT, I THOUGHT MAYBE ONE OF THE MOST COMPELLING
6 REASONS WHY WE WOULD WANT TO ASK THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN L.A.
7 COUNTY TO CONSIDER ASSESSING A FEE ON OURSELVES TO PAY FOR
8 LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE IS THAT BY DOING SO, WE WILL SAVE MONEY
9 THAT WE'RE ALREADY SPENDING ON OUR WATER BILLS ON A REGULAR
10 BASIS TO IMPORT WATER FROM THE COLORADO RIVER. FOR EXAMPLE,
11 WITHIN THE L.A. RIVER WATERSHED, WE'VE CONSTRUCTED SUCH AN
12 EFFECTIVE FLOOD CONTROL INFRASTRUCTURE WHICH IS LINED IN
13 CONTRACT AND FED BY STREETS AND HARD PIPES EVERY TIME IT
14 RAINS, WE IMMEDIATELY FLUSH FREE RAIN WATER DIRECTLY TO THE
15 OCEAN. AND USING DATA DEVELOPED BY YOUR OWN DEPARTMENT OF
16 PUBLIC WORKS, THERE ARE MANY YEARS WHERE WE SEE IN EXCESS OF
17 200,000 ACRE FEET OF FREE FRESH RAIN WATER FLUSHED TO THE
18 OCEAN. AND THEN WE THEN NEED TO PURCHASE THAT WATER FROM
19 METROPOLITAN OR OTHER SUPPLIERS AT A COST OF AROUND 500 BUCKS
20 AN ACRE FOOT. WHICH THIS MEANS WE'RE SPENDING ALREADY ABOUT
21 \$100 MILLION A YEAR TO IMPORT WATER BECAUSE WE'RE NOT MAKING
22 EFFECTIVE USE OF THE WATER THAT FALLS FOR FREE IN OUR COUNTY.
23 SO PERSONALLY I'D RATHER SPEND LESS OF MY MONEY ON IMPORTING
24 EXPENSIVE WATER FROM THE COLORADO AND MORE OF MY MONEY ON
25 BETTER MANAGING THE FREE WATER THAT FALLS FROM THE SKY IN OUR



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1 COMMUNITY. I COMMEND GAIL FARBER, MARK PESTRELLA, DIEGO
2 CADENA, PHIL DUDER AND THE LEADERSHIP OF YOUR PUBLIC WORKS
3 DEPARTMENT FOR BRINGING US THIS VERY THOUGHTFUL ALTERNATIVE
4 THAT WILL NOT ONLY PROVIDE GREATLY IMPROVED WATER QUALITY BUT
5 THIS VERY EFFECTIVE LOCAL WATER SUPPLY AND GIVE US AND OTHER
6 HOMEOWNERS OF THIS BEAUTIFUL COUNTY AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND
7 OUR MONEY MUCH MORE WISELY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HAVE A
8 LETTER SUPPORT TO ENTER INTO THE RECORD TODAY FROM A.S.C.E.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. APPRECIATE THAT. LARRY
11 FORESTER.

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13 **LARRY FORESTER:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. HONORABLE CHAIR AND BOARD
14 MEMBERS, MY NAME IS LARRY FORESTER, COUNCIL MEMBER FROM THE
15 CITY OF SIGNAL HILL. I AM REPRESENTING THE CITY TODAY IN
16 SUPPORT OF MOVING FORWARD WITH THE PARCEL OWNER ELECTION AND
17 THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES WATER QUALITY FUNDING
18 INITIATIVE. OUR CITY ADOPTED A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE
19 INITIATIVE ON MAY 1. WE WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR YOUR
20 LEADERSHIP AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR HARD WORK
21 IN DEVELOPING A REGIONAL, SUSTAINABLE AND LONG TERM FUNDING
22 SOURCE FOR M.P.D.S.S AND STORM WATER AND T.M.B.L. PROGRAMS. IN
23 2005, ALTHOUGH I WAS CORRECTED, 2004, THE FLOOD CONTROL
24 DISTRICT AND AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS ESTABLISHED
25 THOSE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL WATERSHED INFRASTRUCTURE WORKGROUP



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1 TO STUDY REGIONAL FUNDING OPTIONS FOR M.P.D.S. AND T.M.B.L.
2 PROGRAMS. AS A CIVIL ENGINEER AND A COUNCIL MEMBER I WAS
3 PRIVILEGED TO HAVE BEEN ASKED TO SERVE ON THIS COLLABORATIVE
4 AND MULTI-STAKEHOLDER GROUP. I LEARNED THAT FUNDING CHALLENGES
5 WE FACE ARE DAUNTING. BUT THEY CAN BE SOLVED IF WE WORK
6 TOGETHER. WE APPRECIATE THAT YOU HAVE CONSIDERED THE PRODUCT
7 OF THE A.S.C.E. WORKING GROUP. WE ALSO APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS
8 OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE BILL FUJIOKA WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF DEPUTY
9 C.E.O. RYAN ALSOP AND THE EFFORTS OF YOUR PUBLIC WORKS STAFF,
10 DIRECTOR GAIL FARBER, MARK PESTRELLA, PHIL DUDER AND THE OTHER
11 STAFF MEMBERS. THEY HAVE WORKED WITH THE CITIES ON REVISING
12 A.B.2554 AND THE ORDINANCE TO INSURE THAT 40 PERCENT OF THE
13 FUNDS COLLECTED IN EACH COMMUNITY GO BACK TO THAT COMMUNITY
14 FOR THEIR WATER QUALITY PROGRAMS. WE ALSO SUPPORT THE RETURN
15 OF 50 PERCENT OF THE FUNDS TO THE WATERSHED AREA GROUPS FOR
16 REGIONAL PROJECTS SINCE THIS ENCOURAGES COOPERATION BETWEEN
17 THE CITIES AND THE COUNTY. OUR FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT WAS
18 FORMED OVER A CENTURY AGO TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM
19 FLOODING AND GREAT STRIDES HAVE BEEN MADE BY THAT DISTRICT TO
20 CONTROL FLOODING. HOWEVER, THE FOCUS HAS RIGHTLY SHIFTED TO
21 IMPROVING THE REGION'S WATER QUALITY. WE APPRECIATE THE
22 BOARD'S RECOGNITION THAT THE CITIES AND COUNTY REQUIRE AN
23 ONGOING, STABLE FUNDING SOURCE TO IMPLEMENT THE M.P.D.S. AND
24 T.M.D.L. PROGRAMS WE ALSO APPRECIATE THE REGIONAL BOARD'S
25 APPROACH TO THE PROPOSED FEE INSTEAD OF THE CHAOS AND



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1 DUPLICATION OF EFFORTS CREATED WHEN NUMEROUS CITIES CONSIDER
2 STAND-ALONE FEES. IN 1917, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONSIDERED
3 THE COUNTY FLOOD FIRST BOND ISSUE TO IMPROVE THE FLOOD CONTROL
4 SYSTEM. THIS WAS A CONTROVERSIAL PROPOSAL IN 1917 AND REQUIRED
5 VOTER APPROVAL. THIS COUNTY BOND PASSED BY A MERE 51 VOTES.
6 HOWEVER, ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREAT FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEMS WAS
7 BORN FROM THIS VISIONARY ACT BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS. EACH GENERATION FACES GREAT CHALLENGES. OUR
9 GENERATION FACES THE GREAT CHALLENGE OF IMPROVING OUR LOCAL
10 AND REGIONAL WATER QUALITY WITH LIMITED RESOURCES. SIMILAR TO
11 1917, WE CAN GIVE PARCEL OWNERS A SAY IN IMPROVING THE
12 REGION'S WATER QUALITY. AND LIKE THE BOND IN 1917, THIS FEE
13 MEASURE WILL CREATE GREAT BENEFITS FOR THE RESIDENTS AND
14 BUSINESSES IN LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU AND I HAVE COPIES.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU LARRY.

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18 **LARRY FORESTER:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SIMBOA WRIGHT.

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22 **SIMBOA WRIGHT:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SIMBOA WRIGHT. I
23 HAVE A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN THE SECOND DISTRICT.
24 I ALSO WORK FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, A PROUD EMPLOYEE OF
25 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES SANITATION. I'M A WASTEWATER



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1 COLLECTION WORKER. SO, MANY OF THESE THINGS THAT THE PEOPLE
2 HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT I SEE EVERY DAY. I SEE THE TRASH. I
3 SEE THE OILS. I SEE JUST A LOT OF THINGS GOING INTO OUR
4 WATERSHED FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEM. BY PASSING 85, ITEM 85, THIS
5 WILL HELP PEOPLE LIKE ME THAT ARE REALLY PROUD TO DO THIS JOB,
6 HELP US CONTINUE TO MAKE LOS ANGELES COUNTY THE BEAUTIFULEST
7 PLACE IT IS AT THIS TIME. I URGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON THIS. IT'S
8 FOR NOT JUST L.A. COUNTY'S FUTURE BUT FOR OUR FUTURE AS PEOPLE
9 AND OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. BEFORE MR. WATSON
12 SPEAKS, LET ME CALL UP IS IT MAYOR MARY ANN LUTZ HERE?
13 PROBABLY GONE. ADEL HAGEKHALIL? ANDY LIPKIS AND KIRSTEN JAMES?
14 MISS JAMES HERE? OKAY. MR. WATSON.

15

16 **RICHARD WATSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON HONORABLE BOARD MEMBERS. MY
17 NAME IS RICHARD WATSON. I'M A DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA STORM
18 WATER QUALITY ASSOCIATION, OR CASQA. CASQA'S MISSION IS TO
19 ADVANCE THE PRACTICE OF STORM WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT THROUGH
20 COLLABORATION, EDUCATION, IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE, REGULATORY
21 REVIEW AND SCIENTIFIC ASSESSMENT. CASQA'S MEMBERSHIP COMPRISES
22 INDIVIDUALS, CITIES, COUNTIES, SPECIAL DISTRICTS, INDUSTRIES,
23 AND CONSULTING FIRMS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. WE REPRESENT CITIES
24 AND COUNTIES WITH A TOTAL POPULATION IN EXCESS OF 21 MILLION
25 PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND MANY CITIES IN



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1 THE COUNTY. CASQA COMMENDS YOU AND THE WORK OF YOUR STAFF IN
2 DEVELOPING THROUGH A COMPREHENSIVE AND COLLABORATIVE
3 STAKEHOLDER EFFORT THE PROPOSED WATER QUALITY FUNDING
4 INITIATIVE. THE PROSPECT OF A DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCE TO
5 TACKLE THE PRESSING AND IMMEDIATE SOCIETAL, ECONOMIC,
6 ENVIRONMENTAL AND PARTICULARLY REGULATORY CHALLENGES FACING
7 WATER QUALITY MANAGERS IN CALIFORNIA MUST BE PURSUED. THESE
8 CHALLENGES ARE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED IN THE PUBLIC POLICY
9 INSTITUTE OF CALIFORNIA'S WATER AND THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENT
10 REPORT PUBLISHED LAST WEEK. FIVE OF THE SEVEN CHANGES THAT THE
11 REPORT ADVOCATES INCLUDING DEVELOPING MORE RELIABLE FUNDING
12 NOW HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO BE ADDRESSED HEAD-ON BY THIS
13 INITIATIVE. TWO WEEKS AGO AT A STATE LEGISLATIVE HEARING ON
14 THE FUTURE OF STORM WATER CAPTURE, STORE AND SUPPLY, THESE
15 SAME PRIORITIES WERE IDENTIFIED AND THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO
16 DISSENT ON THE PRESSING NEED FOR URBAN LANDSCAPE
17 RECONSTRUCTION AND NEW REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR STORM WATER
18 RETENTION, PARTICULARLY IN THE LOS ANGELES RIVER WATERSHED.
19 THESE VITAL NEEDS CONTRAST WITH THE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE
20 FOR URBAN RUNOFF MANAGEMENT THAT ON A STATEWIDE BASIS WAS
21 GRADED D-PLUS IN 2006 AND D-PLUS AGAIN IN 2012 BY THE AMERICAN
22 SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS. CASQA STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT THE
23 PUBLIC NEEDS TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO INVEST IN CAPITAL
24 IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS THAT WILL PROVIDE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN
25 BEACHES AND A MORE RELIABLE AND SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY IN A



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1 WAY THAT STRIVES TO OPTIMALLY MEET ALL OF THE ECONOMIC,
2 ENVIRONMENTAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS AND CHALLENGES
3 FACING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES. WE THEREFORE ENCOURAGE YOU TO
4 ADOPT TODAY THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE LETTER BEFORE YOU
5 REGARDING THE PROPOSED CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES AND WATER
6 QUALITY FUNDING INITIATIVE DATED JUNE 6, 2012. TIMING IS
7 ESSENTIAL. THERE IS A DETAILED SCHEDULE OF REQUIREMENTS THAT
8 WAS OUTLINED EARLIER THAT MUST BE MET BEFORE THE VOTE CAN BE
9 HELD. THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ADEL HAGEKHALIL?

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13 **ADEL HAGEKHALIL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ADEL HAGEKHALIL.
14 I'M ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF SANITATION FOR THE
15 CITY OF LOS ANGELES. WE ARE THE LEAD ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY FOR
16 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EFFICIENT
17 MANAGEMENT OF CLEAN WATER, WATERSHED PROTECTION AND SOLID
18 RESOURCES. OUR MISSION IS TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND
19 ENVIRONMENT. I WANT TO ADD A COUPLE OF POINTS IN ADDITION TO
20 WHAT PAUL DANIELS SAID AND EXPRESS THE SUPPORT NOT ONLY OF THE
21 CITY OF LOS ANGELES ELECTED OFFICIALS BUT ALSO THE WATER
22 QUALITY PROFESSIONALS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. I'M HERE TO
23 STAND BY MY PARTNERS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND OTHER
24 CITIES IN SUPPORT FOR THIS OVERDUE WATER QUALITY FUNDING
25 INITIATIVE. WE'VE WORKED CLOSELY WITH YOUR STAFF, WITH THE



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1 OTHER CITIES AND THE STAKEHOLDERS WHO ARE DEVELOPING THIS
2 WATER QUALITY FUNDING INITIATIVE. WATER QUALITY AND WATER
3 POLLUTION KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES. AND HAVING THIS WITHIN THE
4 COUNTY UNDER THE COUNTY'S LEADERSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP IS
5 ESSENTIAL. THE SOLUTION TO WATER QUALITY AND POLLUTION HAS TO
6 BE DONE IN INTEGRATED AND WATERSHED BASIS. THIS CAN BE DONE
7 THROUGH PROVIDING MULTIPLE BENEFITS SUCH AS FLOOD PROTECTION
8 AND WATER HARVESTING, REVITALIZING OUR WATERWAYS SUCH AS THE
9 LOS ANGELES RIVER, GREENING OUR COMMUNITIES AND IMPROVING THE
10 QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. AS I'VE WORKED AND WE
11 HAVE ALL WORKED WITH COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE CITY AND THE
12 COUNTY BUILDING MULTIPLE BENEFITS STORM WATER PROJECTS,
13 THERE'S EXCITEMENT, HOPE AND THIRST FOR MORE OF THESE PROJECTS
14 IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES. WHETHER IT'S ELMER
15 STREET AVENUE IN SUN VALLEY, THE ARVONSA WATER PROJECT IN
16 HIGHLAND PARK, SOUTH LOS ANGELES WETLANDS PARK IN SOUTH LOS
17 ANGELES, PECK PARK RESTORATION IN IN SAN PEDRO OR PENMAR WATER
18 QUALITY PROJECT IN WEST LOS ANGELES, RESIDENTS YOUNG AND OLD
19 ARE NOW SEEING THE VALUE OF CLEAN WATER IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.
20 THEY CAN FEEL IT, TOUCH IT AND ENJOY IT. THEY'RE ASKING FOR
21 MORE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. AND BY YOUR ACTION TODAY, YOU'LL
22 PROVIDE THAT FUTURE, THAT BRIGHT FUTURE NOT ONLY FOR THEM BUT
23 ALSO FOR THEIR CHILDREN. I ASK YOU THAT TO MOVE THIS AS
24 QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, WATER QUALITY IS A HUGE ISSUE. IT'S A
25 PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE. IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE TO DO NO



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1 MATTER WHAT. AND WE HAVE LIMITED RESOURCES ACROSS OUR CITIES
2 AND AGENCIES. AND BY US WORKING TOGETHER IN A WATERSHED
3 APPROACH, LOOKING AT MULTI-BENEFITS, WE WILL LEVERAGE THESE
4 RESOURCES AND PROVIDE THE RESIDENTS WHAT WE OWE THEM: CLEAN
5 WATER, CLEAN BEACHES, CLEAN ENVIRONMENT AND CLEAN COMMUNITIES.
6 SO I URGE YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE
7 STAFF FROM YOUR DEPARTMENTS AND FROM YOUR C.E.O.'S OFFICE FOR
8 THEIR COLLABORATION AND WILLING TO WORK WITH ALL OF US, THANK
9 YOU VERY MUCH.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I APOLOGIES FOR
12 BUTCHERING YOUR NAME ADEL. ANDY LIPKIS

13

14 **ANDY LIPKIS:** GOOD AFTERNOON AND THANKS FOR HAVING THIS
15 HEARING. ANDY LIPKIS, FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF TREE PEOPLE.
16 I'M HERE REPRESENTING OUR NEARLY 20,000 SUPPORTERS,
17 INDIVIDUALS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY, 9,000 VOLUNTEERS
18 WHO WORK REALLY HARD TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND
19 PROTECT HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE OF L.A. WE HAVE BEEN A
20 PART OF THE DESIGN OF THIS PROCESS WITH COUNTY STAFF, CITY
21 STAFF FOR THE EIGHT YEARS SINCE THIS STARTED. AND IT HAS BEEN
22 AN AMAZING COLLABORATIVE PROCESS. YOU KNOW FROM OUR WORK THAT
23 WHAT WE REPRESENT IS INTEGRATION OF MULTIPLE AGENCIES TO
24 PRODUCE EFFICIENCY AND SAVINGS. AND WHILE THIS FEE IS FOCUSED
25 AND DEDICATED TO WATER QUALITY AND HEALTH AS YOU HEARD, IT



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1 ALSO HAS THE VERY SPECIAL HANDLES ON IT THAT ALLOW IT TO BE
2 MATCHED WITH WATER SUPPLY MONEY. AND OUR COUNTY AND OUR REGION
3 IS FACING A REAL URGENT CRISIS BOTH IN WATER SUPPLY AND OUR
4 FUTURE WATER SUPPLY AND WATER QUALITY AS YOU'VE HEARD. THIS
5 MEASURE CAN ALLOW A REAL BREAKTHROUGH TO RESOLVE BOTH OF THOSE
6 ISSUES. BUT RESOLVING IT IS URGENT. WE CAN'T AFFORD TO DELAY.
7 THIS IS A LONG PROCESS, AS YOU'VE HEARD. IT'S GOING TO GO
8 THROUGH A LOT OF PUBLIC SCRUTINY. WE NEED TO GET THE BALL
9 ROLLING TODAY. AND WE'RE HERE TO URGE YOU TO KEEP IT MOVING
10 TODAY. THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY, WHEN THEY'RE LOOKING AT
11 WHETHER WE SOLVED THE WATER CRISIS, THIS COMBINED WATER CRISIS
12 OR NOT, WILL LOOK TO THIS DAY TO THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE
13 COMMITMENT TODAY TO GET THE BALL ROLLING SO THEY CAN CHOOSE TO
14 MOVE IT FORWARD IN ANOTHER YEAR. SO THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR
15 LISTENING. THANK YOU FOR MAKING IT HAPPEN.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, ANDY. THANKS FOR ALL
18 YOUR GOOD WORK, TOO. BEFORE WE GET TO KIRSTEN, LET ME CALL UP
19 JOE EDMISTON, PAUL HERZOG, IS PAUL HERE? OKAY. MELANIE WINTER?
20 IS MELANIE HERE? YEAH, OKAY. AND TERRY DIPPLE. IS THAT YOU,
21 TERRY? OKAY. KIRSTEN JAMES.

22

23 **KIRSTEN JAMES:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KIRSTEN JAMES AND
24 I'M THE WATER QUALITY DIRECTOR WITH HEAL THE BAY. I'M HERE
25 TODAY TO SUPPORT THE FUNDING MEASURE MOVING FORWARD. HEAL THE



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1 BAY HAS WORKED ON STORM WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT ISSUES FOR
2 OVER TWO DECADES, MANY OF THEM COLLABORATING WITH YOUR STAFF
3 HERE AT THE COUNTY AND MANY OTHER MUNICIPALITIES AND AGENCIES
4 STATEWIDE AND LOCALLY TO MITIGATE AND ABATE STORM WATER
5 POLLUTION. WE ALSO EDUCATE THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN AND MEMBERS
6 OF THE PUBLIC EACH YEAR ON WHAT EVERYDAY ACTIONS CAN DO TO
7 IMPROVE OUR WATER QUALITY. WHILE THESE ARE ALL NOTABLE
8 EFFORTS, UNFORTUNATELY THEY AREN'T ENOUGH. AND WE NEED TO DO
9 MORE. OUR BEACHES AREN'T SAFE FOR SWIMMING 100 PERCENT OF THE
10 TIME AS THEY SHOULD BE. OUR BENEFICIAL USES AREN'T MET 100
11 PERCENT OF THE TIME. SO WE NEED THIS EXTRA EFFORT TO BRING
12 THESE PROJECTS FORWARD. AND WE THINK THE PROPOSED MEASURE WILL
13 GO A LONG WAY INTO GETTING THESE CRITICAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
14 IN PLACE AND ALSO TAKING THE PRUDENT APPROACH OF USING A
15 MULTI-BENEFIT APPROACH. ALSO AS OTHERS HAVE NOTED, THIS IS
16 REALLY CRUCIAL FOR OUR ECONOMY, THE TOURISM ECONOMY. WHO WANTS
17 TO VISIT AND SPEND THEIR HARD-EARNED VACATION DOLLARS TO COME
18 TO A PLACE THAT HAS TRASH LITTERED ALL OVER THE BEACH OR WHERE
19 IT'S UNSAFE TO SWIM? SO A MEASURE LIKE THIS IS REALLY GOING TO
20 TAKE US A LONG WAY IN OUR ECONOMY, AS WELL. WE APPRECIATE
21 STAFF AND THEIR EFFORTS TO MOVE FORWARD A CRITERIA DEVELOPMENT
22 PROCESS FOR QUANTITATIVE SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE PROJECTS.
23 AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THEM ON THAT. WE THINK
24 THAT'S TRULY CRITICAL. AND WE ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING
25 WITH STAFF ON DEVELOPING THE MANUAL THAT'S REFERENCED WITHIN



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1 THE ORDINANCE. SO IN CLOSING WE HOPE THAT YOU MOVE FORWARD AND
2 URGE YOU TO MOVE FORWARD ON THIS CRITICAL MEASURE TODAY AND WE
3 ASK YOU TO DO IT TODAY BECAUSE TIME IS TRULY OF THE ESSENCE.
4 WE CAN'T DELAY THIS AND WE CAN'T AFFORD ANOTHER YEAR WITHOUT
5 THIS NECESSARY FUNDING. THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, KIRSTEN. AND THANKS
8 FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT AND INPUT ON THIS. JOSEPH EDMISTON.

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10 **JOSEPH EDMISTON:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, JOE EDMISTON,
11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY,
12 EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION
13 AUTHORITY. THIS HAS BEEN 100 YEARS IN THE MAKING, MR.
14 CHAIRMAN. ALMOST. 1915, WATER THAT FLOODED LOS ANGELES SHOULD
15 IMMEDIATELY GET TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN. THAT WAS THE CONSENSUS.
16 AND GOOD OLD WILLIAM MULHOLLAND WAS SAYING, AND ALL WATER THAT
17 GOES TO THE EASTERN SIERRA NEVADA SHOULD COME IMMEDIATELY TO
18 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. AND SO WE STUCK A STRAW UP TO THE
19 OWENS LAKE. NOW WE HAVE AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT PARADIGM. THE
20 GENERAL MANAGER OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT JUST SAID
21 THREE WEEKS AGO THAT THE PARADIGM NOW IS: WE'RE NOT GOING TO
22 BE ABLE TO SUCK MORE OUT OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. THE ADDED
23 COST, THE MARGINAL EXTRA COST OF AN ACRE FOOT OF WATER
24 IMPORTED TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS \$800. WHAT IS THE COST OF
25 SUCKING THAT OUT FROM OUR OWN AQUIFERS? \$200. THAT TELLS YOU



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1 WHERE THE ECONOMICS HAS TO BE. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE NOT BEEN
2 INFILTRATING THOSE AQUIFERS. WE'RE SENDING IT OUT THROUGH
3 CONCRETE CHANNELS. THIS MEASURE IS THE FIRST OF I HOPE MANY
4 IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES THAT WILL REVERSE THAT. WE'RE GOING TO
5 TAKE THE WATER THAT WE HAVE. WE'RE GOING TO CLEAN IT. WE'RE
6 GOING TO DO SO IN AN ECOLOGICALLY SUSTAINABLE MANNER, WE'RE
7 GOING TO HAVE ALL KINDS OF JOBS. AND THE WONDERFUL THING ABOUT
8 GREEN SOLUTIONS, MR. CHAIRMAN, IS EVERYTHING FROM A
9 CONSERVATION CORPS WORKER WHO IS WORKING ON THE GROUND WITH
10 THAT WETLAND ALL THE WAY UP TO THE MOST SOPHISTICATED OF OUR
11 ENGINEERS AND THROUGHOUT THAT CHAIN OF BUSINESS ALL OF
12 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IS GOING TO BENEFIT ECONOMICALLY FROM
13 HAVING THIS MEASURE. AND I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE FLOOD
14 CONTROL DISTRICT. IT TOOK YOU 100 YEARS BUT YOU'RE THERE. SO,
15 MR. CHAIRMAN, WE ENTIRELY ENDORSE THIS MEASURE. IT'S BEEN 100
16 YEARS. TIME TO ACT NOW. NO DELAY.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. EDMISTON. PAUL
19 HERZOG?

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21 **PAUL HERZOG:** YES. HI, MY NAME IS PAUL HERZOG, I'M THE NATIONAL
22 COORDINATOR FOR SURFRIDER FOUNDATION'S OCEAN-FRIENDLY GARDENS
23 PROGRAM AND ALSO AN L.A. RESIDENT. ON BEHALF OF THE SURFRIDER
24 FOUNDATION I WANT TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR MEASURES THAT PREVENT
25 POLLUTED RUNOFF, IDEALLY USING NATURAL SOLUTIONS WHERE



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1 POSSIBLE. BUT TO HELP CLEAN UP OUR CREEKS, RIVERS, LAKES AND
2 THE OCEAN, WE TOO ARE IN STRONG SUPPORT OF MULTIPLE BENEFITS.
3 SURFRIDERS WORKED FOR OVER 20 YEARS TO PREVENT ILLEGAL
4 DISCHARGES TO WATERWAYS, EDUCATE PEOPLE HOW WATERSHEDS WORK,
5 CONDUCT REGULAR BEACH CLEANUPS AND WATER QUALITY TESTING. BUT
6 THE REALIZATION IS THAT'S NOT PREVENTING THE PROBLEM. SO WE
7 STARTED A PROGRAM RECENTLY CALLED KNOW YOUR H2O. IT'S AN
8 INTEGRATED APPROACH TO WATER. I HEAD UP ONE PART, OCEAN
9 FRIENDLY GARDENS. AND WE WANT PEOPLE TO, WHAT WE SAY, APPLY
10 C.P.R. TO THEIR LANDSCAPES, CONSERVATION, PERMEABILITY, AND
11 RETENTION, TO RESTORE THE FUNCTIONING OF OUR WATERSHEDS. THE
12 REALIZATION IS IT'S ABOUT 40 TO 70 PERCENT OF DRINKING WATER
13 IS APPLIED TO LANDSCAPES, WHICH IS CRAZY. IT MAKES NO SENSE.
14 WE NEED TO TEACH PEOPLE HOW TO CAPTURE RAIN WATER TO USE THAT
15 AS A RESOURCE IN THE LANDSCAPE. WE ALSO SUPPORT GREEN STREETS,
16 WASTEWATER RECYCLING AND INTERAGENCY COORDINATION. PEOPLE
17 WORKING ON DRINKING WATER, STORM WATER AND WASTE WATER NEED TO
18 WORK TOGETHER AND IT LOOKS TO ME THAT THE COUNTY IS MOVING IN
19 THAT DIRECTION. SURFRIDERS ARE ALREADY WORKING ON MEASURES
20 AROUND THE COUNTY. SUPPORTED -- ORDINANCE IN THE CITY OF L.A.,
21 WE RUN OCEAN-FRIENDLY GARDENS PROGRAMS FROM MALIBU DOWN TO
22 LONG BEACH, AND HELPING THE PROGRAM TO RESTORE MALIBU LAGOON.
23 BUT WE WANT TO SEE STRONG CRITERIA, A STRONG PLAN, A GOOD
24 MANUAL AND ACTIVE NONPROFIT PARTICIPATION, AND IT SEEMS LIKE
25 THIS MEASURE CALLS FOR THAT. WE'VE ALSO RECENTLY HEARD THAT



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1 STAFF HAS FORMED A COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP PROJECT SELECTION
2 CRITERIA, AND WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING ON THAT.
3 WE'D ALSO BE INTERESTED IN ASSISTING WITH DEVELOPING AN
4 IMPLEMENTATION MANUAL. WE WANT TO SEE FUNDING FOR PROJECTS AT
5 THE CITY AND REGIONAL SCALE, BUT WE ALSO WANT TO SEE
6 PROGRAMMING THAT HELPS AVERAGE ANGELINOS RETROFIT THEIR
7 LANDSCAPES. AND WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT WILL SUPPORT GOOD LOCAL
8 JOBS. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MELANIE WINTER.

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12 **MELANIE WINTER:** GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS. HONORABLE
13 SUPERVISORS, I'M MELANIE WINTER, I'M THE FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR
14 OF THE RIVER PROJECT AND A NATIVE ANGELINO. AND I'M HERE TO
15 ENCOURAGE YOU VERY STRONGLY TO SUPPORT THE MEASURE BEFORE YOU
16 TODAY, A MEASURE THAT WILL IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LOS
17 ANGELES'S MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCE THROUGH INTEGRATED WATERSHED
18 MANAGEMENT. AS JOE NOTED, THAT IS A MAJOR PARADIGM SHIFT. MY
19 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WORKS TO PROMOTE BETTER STEWARDSHIP OF
20 OUR WATERSHED LANDS AND PROTECTION OF OUR LOCAL WATER
21 RESOURCES. WE DEVELOPED THE AT THAT TUJUNGA-PACOIMA WATERSHED
22 PLAN IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COUNTY AND THE FEDERAL
23 GOVERNMENT AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT. AND WE HELPED TO DEVELOP
24 THE CITY'S PROP O LID ORDINANCE, AN INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLAN
25 AND HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE REGIONAL R.W.M.P. WE'RE CURRENTLY



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1 PARTNERED WITH THE CITY OF L.A. ON LARGE AND SMALL SCALE GREEN
2 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS DEVELOPED THROUGH THE TUJUNGA-PACOIMA
3 WATERSHED PLAN IN THE REGION THAT DRAINS TO OUR SAN FERNANDO
4 VALLEY GROUND WATER BASIN. ONE OF THESE PROJECTS, A SIMPLE
5 MEDIAN RETROFIT IN PANORAMA CITY WILL CAPTURE, CLEAN AND
6 INFILTRATE OVER A MILLION AND A HALF ACRE FEET OF RAINWATER
7 EVERY TIME IT RAINS ON AN AVERAGE RAINY DAY. IN THE PROCESS,
8 IT ALSO CREATES A PEDESTRIAN-FRIENDLY, BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED
9 COMMUNITY RESOURCE WHERE ONCE WAS NOTHING BUT ACRES AND ACRES
10 OF ASPHALT. CREATION OF A DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCE FOR
11 PROJECTS LIKE THIS, MULTI-BENEFIT PROJECTS LIKE THIS, IS LONG
12 OVERDUE. WE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY OVER THE LAST 12 OR
13 MORE YEARS TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS
14 FORWARD THINKING MEASURE. WE'RE PLEASED TO NOTE THAT SEVERAL
15 OF OUR MOST RECENT COMMENTS FROM OCTOBER HAVE BEEN HEARD AND
16 ACCOMMODATED AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING EVEN MORE CLOSELY
17 AS WE COLLABORATIVELY REFINE THE PROJECT CRITERIA AND DEVELOP
18 THE IMPLEMENTATION MANUAL OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS. WE
19 UNDERSTAND, SUPERVISORS, THAT THIS MAY BE A DIFFICULT TIME TO
20 ASK YOUR CONSTITUENTS TO SUPPORT A PARCEL-BASED FEE. BUT
21 VOTING IN FAVOR OF THIS MOTION TODAY TO HELP US TRANSFORM THE
22 WAY LOS ANGELES MANAGES ITS WATER RESOURCES IS PERHAPS ONE OF
23 THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS YOU'LL TAKE ACTION ON ALL YEAR. CARL
24 SAGAN SAID "THERE'S NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN CLEAN AIR AND
25 CLEAN WATER BECAUSE WITHOUT THOSE TWO THINGS, ANYTHING ELSE



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1 YOU'RE INTERESTED IN IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN." IT'S A QUESTION
2 OF PRIORITIES. NOW IS THE TIME. A VOTE IN FAVOR DEMONSTRATES
3 TO YOUR CONSTITUENTS THAT YOU HAVE YOUR PRIORITIES STRAIGHT.
4 WE WOULD SUGGEST PROMOTION OF THE COMPONENT THAT ALLOWS
5 PROPERTY OWNERS TO REDUCE THEIR FEE BY SIMPLE RETROFITS TO
6 THEIR PROPERTIES. PROMOTING THAT COMPONENT SHOWS THEM THAT
7 THEY HAVE A MEASURE OF CONTROL OVER HOW HIGH THEIR FEE IS AND
8 GETS THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OTHER THAN
9 MONETARY WAYS. WE THINK THAT IS A VERY CRITICAL COMPONENT OF
10 THIS PROJECT THAT NEEDS TO BE HIGHLIGHTED AS YOU PROMOTE THIS
11 MOVING FORWARD. ALSO, UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MEASURE DOES MARK
12 AN EVOLUTION IN THE DISTRICT'S APPROACH TO MANAGING OUR LOCAL
13 WATER RESOURCES. IN A 21ST CENTURY WATERSHED MANAGEMENT
14 APPROACH HAS BEEN SHOWN TO BE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE COST-
15 EFFECTIVE THAN THE 20TH CENTURY FLOOD CONTROL APPROACH OF
16 THROWING RAIN WATER AWAY, CURRENTLY REPRESENTED BY THE
17 DISTRICT'S NAME. SINCE ITS INCEPTION THE DISTRICT HAS OFTEN
18 BEEN REFERRED TO THE FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION
19 DISTRICT. EMBRACING THAT FULL NOMENCLATURE ON THE BALLOT CAN
20 HELP THE PUBLIC APPRECIATE THE PROPONENT OF THE FEE HAS
21 UNDERGONE THE NECESSARY PARADIGM SHIFT AND IS EMBRACING A
22 COST-EFFECTIVE JOB CREATIVE MULTI-BENEFICIAL 21ST CENTURY
23 APPROACH TO OUR LOCAL WATER RESOURCES. IF IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH
24 YOU THE GREEN L.A. COALITION, WHO WAS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND HAS A
25 STATEMENT THAT I CAN READ ON THEIR BEHALF. I'M A MEMBER OF THE



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1 GREEN L.A. COALITION. WITH YOUR PERMISSION? OTHERWISE WE WANT
2 TO JUST ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE TODAY. IT'S VERY
3 SHORT.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, GO AHEAD.

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7 **MELANIE WINTER:** I'M A MEMBER -- SENT THIS ALONG. "THE GREEN
8 L.A. COALITION SUPPORTS THE L.A. COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
9 STORM WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT FEE BECAUSE IT IS AN IMPORTANT
10 PUBLIC FINANCING MECHANISM TO ADDRESS WATER QUALITY ISSUES IN
11 THE LOS ANGELES BASIN. WE EXPECT THAT AS WE MOVE FORWARD, THAT
12 THE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS WILL HAVE INPUT ON THE
13 CREATION AND ADOPTION OF WATERSHED PLANS, DEVELOPMENT OF
14 PROJECT AND GRANT CRITERIA AND ROLES ON THE OVERSIGHT
15 COMMITTEE. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE DEFINITION OF MULTI-
16 BENEFIT STORM WATER PROJECTS NEEDS TO BE DEFINED EARLY AND
17 THAT THE INITIATIVE SHOULD FOCUS ON WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AS A
18 METHOD FOR ACHIEVING BETTER WATER QUALITY PROJECTS. THANK YOU
19 VERY MUCH." VOTE YES.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MELANIE.

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23 **TERRY DIPPLE:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS TERRY DIPPLE,
24 I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS VIRGENES --

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BEFORE YOU GO ANY FURTHER. LET ME
2 ASK RICHARD ATWATER IS HE HERE? GO AHEAD, TERRY, SORRY.

3

4 **TERRY DIPPLE:** I COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND. YOU'LL BE HAPPY TO KNOW
5 THAT I DON'T HAVE A LONG SPEECH TO READ. I JUST WOULD LIKE TO
6 SAY THANK YOU TO THE COUNTY STAFF AND TO THE BOARD FOR HAVING
7 THE FORESIGHT TO WORK ON THIS. I REALIZE NOTHING'S PERFECT.
8 THE COUNTY STAFF CAME OUT TO SEVERAL MEETINGS AND MET WITH OUR
9 COG AND DID EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO WORK WITH US. WE REALIZE
10 THAT NOTHING'S PERFECT. BUT OUR BOARD DID VOTE TO ENCOURAGE
11 YOU TO SUPPORT PLACING IT ON THE BALLOT TO ALLOW THE PROPERTY
12 OWNERS TO VOTE ON THE MATTER. AND I THINK THAT'S THE MOST
13 IMPORTANT THING AT THIS POINT. WHETHER YOU'RE FOR IT OR
14 AGAINST IT, IT DOES ALLOW FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS TO ALLOW
15 PEOPLE TO VOTE FOR IT. AND HOPEFULLY SUPPORT IT. BUT I JUST
16 WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU. AND WE HOPE YOU SUPPORT.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANKS, TERRY. ALL RIGHT. THOSE
19 ARE ALL THE CARDS I HAVE. SO THE PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED. MR.
20 KNABE?

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22 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S THE PROBLEM, TERRY, YOU POINTED OUT. IT'S
23 NOT BEING PUT ON THE BALLOT. AND THAT'S THE ISSUE THAT I HAVE
24 WITH THIS PROCESS. YOU KNOW, IF YOU LOOK AT YOUR PROPERTY TAX
25 BILL -- YOU DON'T HAVE TO RESPOND, TERRY. YOU SAID PUTTING IT



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1 ON THE BALLOT. THAT SORT OF DREW MY ATTENTION. I MEAN, WE ON
2 THIS BOARD HAVE CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED WATER QUALITY KINDS OF
3 ISSUES. AND IN FACT IT APPEARS THAT WE CONTINUE TO DO THIS.
4 BUT THIS IS REALLY ANOTHER -- WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT
5 UNFUNDED MANDATES AND OTHER UNREASONABLE DEMANDS BY THE STATE.
6 AND THIS IS ANOTHER ONE. NO ONE FROM THE DEPARTMENT CAN TELL
7 US AN END GAME AS IT RELATES TO WHAT IT'S GOING TO COST. AND I
8 THINK IF IT WERE TO BE PUT ON THE BALLOT FOR THE VOTERS TO
9 VOTE ON IT, I WOULD SUPPORT THAT. BUT THIS MAIL-IN PROCESS IS
10 REALLY, TO ME, DISINGENUOUS IN THE WAY WE'RE ASKING PEOPLE TO
11 APPROVE THIS, BY NOT APPROVING IT. I UNDERSTAND IT WOULD BE A
12 PUBLIC HEARING AND ALL THE OTHER KINDS OF THINGS. BUT THIS IS
13 NOT BEING PUT ON THE BALLOT. AND I THINK EVERYONE NEEDS TO
14 UNDERSTAND THAT. AND THAT'S THE ISSUE THAT I CONTINUE TO HAVE.
15 I MEAN, I JUST LOOKED AT MY OWN PROPERTY TAX BILL. YOU JUST GO
16 THROUGH THE GENERAL TAX LEVY. THEN YOU'VE GOT METRO WATER
17 DISTRICT. COMMUNITY COLLEGE. UNIFIED SCHOOLS. L.A. VECTOR
18 CONTROL, FLOOD CONTROL, SAND DISTRICTS. METRO WATER DISTRICT.
19 METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT STAND BY CHARGE. TRAUMA. COUNTY
20 PARK DISTRICT. L.A. COUNTY FIRE. IT JUST GOES ON AND ON. AND
21 WE ALWAYS SAY WELL IT'S JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE. IT'S JUST A
22 LITTLE BIT PER HOUSEHOLD OR WHATEVER IT MAY BE. BUT AT THE END
23 OF THE DAY, WE'RE NOT REALLY FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES OF PROP
24 218 AND ALLOWING THE VOTERS TO HAVE A SAY IN THIS. WE ALL
25 KNOW, WE'VE BEEN AROUND THIS GAME LONG ENOUGH, AND I'M IN A



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1 PARTICULARLY UNIQUE POSITION BECAUSE THE MAJORITY OF MY CITIES
2 AND THE COGS ALL SUPPORT THIS PARTICULAR ITEM. BUT I SORT OF
3 LOOK AT IT LIKE THE PARK DISTRICT ITEMS WHERE THEY OFFER -- I
4 MEAN THE CITIES NEED SOMETHING BECAUSE THEY KNOW THAT THE END
5 GAME, THEY DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST, EITHER. AND
6 THEY KNOW THAT THEIR GENERAL FUNDS CAN'T SURVIVE UNDER NOT
7 KNOWING IS IT GOING TO BE 5 BILLION? IS IT 50 BILLION? IT 500
8 BILLION? WE DON'T KNOW. I JUST THINK IT'S UNFAIR TO THE
9 CONSTITUENTS OUT THERE WHO ARE PAYING ALL THESE OTHER
10 SURCHARGES ON THEIR TAX BILL NOT TO ALLOW THEM TO HAVE A SAY.
11 AND EVERYBODY SAYS IT'S A SAY BUT IT'S NOT THE DIRECT SAYS
12 PUTTING ON THE BALLOT. I'VE SAID IN THE PAST IF YOU WANT TO
13 PUT IT ON THE BALLOT, I'LL SUPPORT IT. BUT BEYOND THAT, I
14 THINK IT'S REALLY A DISINGENUOUS WAY TO GET AN INCREASE
15 THROUGH THERE. THAT MAY BE NEEDED AT THE END OF THE DAY.
16 OBVIOUSLY WE'RE GOING TO NEED SOME MONEY TO PAY FOR THIS. BUT
17 I JUST HAVE A BIG PROBLEM WITH THE PROCESS AND THE WAY IT'S
18 BEING HANDLED.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MR. ANTONOVICH.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CONTRA COSTA HAD A SIMILAR PROPOSAL JUST
25 RECENTLY WITH A SUNSET CLAUSE, WHICH THIS PROVISION DOES NOT



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1 HAVE. AND IT WAS VOTED DOWN BY THE PEOPLE EVEN THOUGH THEY HAD
2 A 53 PERCENT APPROVAL RATE IN A POLL THAT WAS TAKEN, IT WAS
3 REJECTED BY THE PEOPLE. THE PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE WITH THIS
4 STORM WATER RUNOFF IS NOT A CITY PROBLEM OR A COUNTY PROBLEM.
5 IT'S A STATE PROBLEM AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO THE
6 WATER. IF THIS IS SUCH A PROBLEM, THEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
7 AND/OR THE STATE GOVERNMENT SHOULD PROVIDE THE RESOURCES, THE
8 GRANTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO CLEAN UP THE WATER. BUT BY
9 PUTTING IT BACK ON PROPERTY TAX OWNER, IT'S CREATING AN
10 ADDITIONAL TAX AND AN ADDITIONAL BURDEN THAT IS VERY DIFFICULT
11 TO PAY FOR. THE PROBLEM WHICH IS KIND OF INTERESTING IS WE
12 OPERATE THE SPREADING GROUNDS ALONG THE FOOTHILLS TO PERCOLATE
13 RAIN WATER INTO THE GROUND WATER. HOW MUCH OF THAT WATER
14 BELONGS TO THE COUNTY AND HOW MUCH BELONGS TO THE DEPARTMENT
15 OF WATER AND POWER? IF A MAJORITY DOES BELONG TO THE
16 DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER, WHICH IT DOES, WHY ARE WE
17 PAYING FOR BANKING THEIR PROJECTS? WHY HAVE L.A. COUNTY BE
18 BANKING L.A. CITY'S WATER PROBLEM? I KNOW YOU HAD YOUR FLOOD
19 CONTROL HIRING A POLLING FIRM, WHICH HAS SOME -- AND YOU OUGHT
20 TO LOOK AT WHO YOU HIRE FOR A POLLSTER. THIS PERSON CONTINUES
21 TO ALWAYS BE OFF BASE GIVING NICE PROJECTIONS TO THE PEOPLE
22 WHO HIRE THEM, BUT ENDING UP NOT ALWAYS HAVING THAT RESULT
23 WHEN THE BALLOT OR CANDIDATE ENDS UP RUNNING FOR THAT OFFICE.
24 AND IT SAYS COUNTYWIDE 60 PERCENT SUPPORT, 33 PERCENT OPPOSE.
25 BUT YET AGAIN, IN CONTRA COSTA, WHICH IS EXTREMELY



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1 ENVIRONMENTALLY ORIENTED, THEY HAD ALSO OVER 50 PERCENT IN
2 SUPPORT BUT IT WAS REJECTED. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE SPECIAL
3 DISTRICT FEES, MY CITY OF ALHAMBRA FOR A TWO-BEDROOM HOME,
4 THEY PAY AN AVERAGE OF \$3,382 IN PROPERTY TAXES, OF WHICH OVER
5 \$400 IS FOR SPECIAL DISTRICTS. NOW WE'RE GOING TO ADD ANOTHER
6 \$54 TO THAT, BRINGING IT UP TO \$3,791. ARCADIA, THE AVERAGE
7 HOME TAX THERE WAS \$3,315, FEES 243. THEY WOULD ESCALATE
8 ANOTHER COUPLE HUNDRED DOLLARS. YOU HEARD THE CITY OF BURBANK
9 REPRESENTATIVE TODAY TALK ABOUT THE UNFAIRNESS OF THIS
10 PROPOSAL. AND, AGAIN, IT'S A CITY PARK FIVE-ACRE PARK IN A
11 CITY OR COUNTY WOULD PAY APPROXIMATELY \$600 ADDITIONAL COSTS
12 PER YEAR. CALIFORNIA'S ALREADY LOST NEARLY 80,000 FACTORY JOBS
13 LAST YEAR. WE'RE RANKED 49TH AMONG STATES FOR BUSINESS
14 CLIMATE. THE COUNTY IS CONSIDERED THE WORST -- CITY IS
15 CONSIDERED THE WORST CITY TO START A BUSINESS, LEAVING OUR
16 COUNTY FOR ANOTHER SURROUNDING COUNTY HAS SAVED BUSINESSES BY
17 LEAVING 20 PERCENT OF THEIR COSTS AND LEAVING THE STATE OF
18 CALIFORNIA FOR TEXAS, THEY CAN SAVE UP TO 40 PERCENT OF THOSE
19 COSTS. SO THE QUESTION IS: WILL THIS REVENUE FROM THIS TAX
20 BRING INTO COMPLIANCE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL CLEAN WATER
21 STANDARDS?

22

23 **MARK PESTRELLA:** SUPERVISOR, ULTIMATELY OVER THE YEARS THE IDEA
24 IS WE WOULD BE IN COMPLIANCE AS WE CUMULATIVELY BUILD OUT THE
25 COMPLIANCE OF STORM WATER IN L.A. COUNTY AND ALSO IMPACT THE



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1 REGULATIONS THAT ARE CURRENTLY SET FOR WHAT'S SET CALLED OUR
2 BASIN PLAN.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MANY OF THESE REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN
5 IMPOSED ON THE COUNTY AND SURROUNDING CITIES? AND HOW MANY
6 MORE ARE IN THE PIPELINE?

7

8 **MARK ESTRELLA:** WE CURRENTLY HAVE 34 T.M.D.L.S ADOPTED AND 9 IN
9 THE PIPELINE WITH MORE TO COME.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DO YOU PLAN TO GAUGE THE SUCCESS OF THIS
12 PROGRAM? AND IS THERE A CLEAR STANDARD OF ACHIEVEMENT?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** EACH PROJECT AS IT'S APPROVED WOULD BE REQUIRED TO
15 HAVE MONITORING, WATER QUALITY MONITORING. THAT WOULD BE
16 TURNED INTO THE DISTRICT. AND THEN WHEN THE DISTRICT IS
17 ALREADY SAMPLING COUNTY-WIDE OUR WATERWAYS FOR IMPROVEMENTS OR
18 FOR THE LEVEL OF POLLUTION IN THOSE WATERWAYS, SO OUR
19 MONITORING WOULD SHOW WHETHER OR NOT WE'RE MAKING ANY
20 ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE PROGRAM.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND AGAIN BY BYPASSING THE BALLOT BOX FOR THE
23 MAILBOX IS REALLY AN ATTEMPT TO UNDERMINE THE ABILITY TO VOTE
24 ON AN ISSUE HAVING THIS CLOUDED UP WITH A LOT OF THIRD CLASS
25 JUNK MAIL THAT MANY TIMES GETS THROWN AWAY BEFORE IT'S READ.



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1 PEOPLE WANT TO BE FORTH FRONT WITH THE PUBLIC THEY SHOULD PUT
2 IT ON THE BALLOT AND TALK ABOUT IT PUBLICLY INSTEAD OF
3 SNEAKING IT IN IN THEIR MAILBOX AND HOPE THAT A SMALL
4 PERCENTAGE RETURN A FAVORABLE VOTE. BUT AS I SAID, THIS
5 PROPOSAL HAS NO SUNSET CLAUSE. AND THE POLLING FIRM THAT YOU
6 HIRED IS NOT ONE OF THE MORE REPUTABLE ONES THAT GIVE ACCURATE
7 RESULTS. AND THIS AVERAGE FEE OF \$54 AND LARGER LOTS UP TO
8 \$83, AND IT'S JUST NOT A FAIR TAX WITH THE ADDITIONAL TAXES
9 THAT THE PROPERTY TAX OWNER ALREADY HAS AND IT'S NOT THEIR
10 RESPONSIBILITY. IT'S WATER COMING UP FROM UPSTREAM,
11 DOWNSTREAM. AND I SYMPATHIZE WITH LONG BEACH. THEY ARE REALLY
12 AT THE END OF THE PIPELINE. BUT AGAIN, THE STATE SHOULD STEP
13 WITH UP THE GRANTS FOR THESE PROGRAMS AND/OR THE FEDERAL
14 GOVERNMENT WITH THESE GRANTS, BUT NOT THE INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY
15 TAX OWNER. THE PROPERTY TAX OWNER HAS TO PAY THESE EXORBITANT
16 TAXES.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I THINK A COUPLE THINGS.
19 FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK THE STAFF GETTING IT TO THIS
20 POINT WHERE THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT OR CONSENSUS ON THE
21 ARCHITECTURE OF THIS PLAN AMONG THE VARIOUS CITIES AND
22 STAKEHOLDER GROUPS IS NO MEAN ACCOMPLISHMENT. AND I THINK THE
23 PUBLIC WORKS STAFF, C.E.O. STAFF AND ALL THE OTHER FOLKS WHO
24 HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH IT, BOARD STAFFS AND BOARD MEMBERS
25 DIRECTLY HAVE -- COUNTY COUNSEL -- WELL I'M NOT GOING TO



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1 COMPLIMENT THEM YET BECAUSE WE HAVE SOME ISSUES WITH THEM ON
2 THIS. BUT EVERYONE HAS DONE A YEOMAN'S EFFORT ON THIS. AND I'M
3 NOT HAPPY WITH EVERY ASPECT OF IT. THERE ARE THINGS IN HERE
4 THAT ARE HARD FOR ME TO SWALLOW. BUT THERE ARE THINGS THAT
5 EVERYBODY -- THERE ARE THINGS IN HERE THAT EVERYBODY HAS TO
6 FIND SOMETHING HARD TO SWALLOW ABOUT. AND I THINK WE JUST NEED
7 TO RECOGNIZE THAT NOBODY'S GOING TO GET 100 PERCENT OF WHAT
8 THEY WANT AND IT'S PROBABLY NOT NECESSARY. BUT THE ULTIMATE
9 OBJECTIVE OF CLEANING OUR DRINKING WATER, CLEANING THE STORM
10 DRAINS AND THE FLOOD CONTROL CHANNELS THAT LEAD TO OUR OCEANS,
11 THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS, POSITIVE IMPACTS THAT THIS MEASURE
12 WOULD HAVE TO IMPROVE NOT ONLY THE QUALITY OF LIFE BUT THE
13 QUALITY OF HEALTH IN THIS COUNTY. HAS TO BE A HIGH PRIORITY.
14 AND I THINK THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY AND THE PEOPLE OF THE
15 STATE HAVE REPEATEDLY SUPPORTED MEASURES THAT INVEST MONEY IN
16 IMPROVING THE SAFETY, THE HEALTH OF THE DRINKING WATER SUPPLY
17 AS WELL AS THE OVERALL QUALITY OF HEALTH IN OUR REGION.
18 WHETHER IT'S AIRBORNE CONTAMINANTS OR CONTAMINANTS THAT GO TO
19 THE OCEAN OR WHAT HAVE YOU. ON THE ISSUE OF THE MAIL BALLOT
20 VERSUS AN ELECTION BALLOT. NUMBER ONE THAT IS A DECISION THAT
21 DOESN'T HAVE TO BE MADE TODAY. THIS BOARD CAN DECIDE IT WANTS
22 TO GO TO AN ELECTION BALLOT IF IT CHOOSES TO. DOES ANYBODY
23 KNOW WHAT THE TURNOUT WAS YESTERDAY IN L.A. COUNTY? YEAH, I
24 WAS GOING TO SAY IT'S LESS THAN 20 FOR SURE. CERTAINLY IN MY
25 DISTRICT IT WAS LESS THAN 20. AND MY BET IS THAT ANY MAIL



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1 BALLOT WOULD EXCEED A 17 OR 18 PERCENT RESPONSE, ESPECIALLY
2 SINCE IT WON'T BE ON THE BALLOT OR IN THE MAILBOX AT THE SAME
3 TIME AS 1,000 OTHER ELECTIONS GOING ON, AND THERE WILL BE
4 QUITE A BIT OF ATTENTION FOCUSED ON IT. SO THAT PART DOESN'T
5 BOTHER ME SO MUCH. AS TO THE ISSUE, MIKE, THAT YOU RAISED
6 ABOUT WHY SHOULD WE SPEND COUNTY MONEY DEALING WITH WATER WITH
7 THE CITY OF L.A., I THINK YOU CALLED IT BANKING WATER,
8 CAPTURING THE WATER AND PUTTING IT BACK INTO THE WATER TABLE,
9 WE HAVE TO CONCEDE THE POINT THAT A LOT OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE
10 GOING TO BE PAYING THIS BILL ARE CITY OF L.A. RESIDENTS.
11 PROBABLY MORE THAN A THIRD, OVER 35 PERCENT OF THIS COUNTY IS
12 MADE UP OF CITY OF L.A. PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS. THEY'RE
13 GOING TO BE PAYING FOR IT. THEY DESERVE TO GET A PIECE OF
14 THIS, A PIECE OF ACTION. AND THEY HAVE SOME OF THE POSITIVE
15 RESULTS FLOW TO THE CITY OF L.A. AND, FRANKLY, IF IT DOESN'T
16 FLOW TO THE CITY OF L.A., IT'S GOING TO LEAVE A BIG HOLE IN
17 THE OVERALL RESULT OF THIS MEASURE. YOU CAN'T SOLVE WATER
18 QUALITY ISSUES AND DRINKING WATER ISSUES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
19 ANGELES IF YOU DON'T ADDRESS THE CITY OF L.A., THE CITY OF
20 LONG BEACH, AND THE CITY OF PASADENA, CITY OF GLENDALE, SOME
21 OF THE MAJOR CITIES, NOT TO MENTION THE SMALLER ONES. SO I
22 THINK IT'S TIME FOR US MOVE ON THIS. SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS
23 ASKED, AND SHE CAN SPEAK FOR HERSELF, BUT SHE'S ASKED FOR A
24 TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE. YOU FOLKS KIND OF BRISTLED AT THAT. AND
25 I THINK UPON CLOSER EXAMINATION, BECAUSE YOU WERE AFRAID WE



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1 WOULDNT MEET THE DEADLINE TO GET THIS QUALIFIED FOR MARCH,
2 ONE OF THE REASONS MY STAFF TELLS ME THAT YOU INDICATED THAT
3 IS THAT YOU DIDNT THINK WE COULD GET THIS CALENDARED -- FINAL
4 DECISION IN DECEMBER, WHICH I THINK YOU WERE SHOOTING FOR
5 NOVEMBER, IS THAT RIGHT? AND BECAUSE WE DIDNT HAVE A PLANNING
6 MEETING IN DECEMBER, AND WE DONT NEED TO DO THIS AT A
7 PLANNING MEETING. WE COULD DO THIS AT ANY MEETING. AND IF
8 THAT'S THE ISSUE, WE'LL GET IT ON IN DECEMBER IF WE CANT GET
9 IT ON IN NOVEMBER, IF WE CANT ACCELERATE YOUR WORK. WHAT I
10 WOULD RECOMMEND -- I'M GOING TO SUPPORT THE CONTINUANCE OF TWO
11 WEEKS AS A COURTESY TO SUPERVISOR MOLINA BECAUSE, FRANKLY,
12 WITHOUT HER, WE DONT HAVE THREE VOTES, AS YOU CAN COUNT FOR
13 YOURSELVES. AND I HONESTLY THINK WE CAN DEAL WITH THIS. WHAT I
14 WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO DO IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS IS ANYTHING
15 YOU CAN DO THAT DOESNT REQUIRE US TO DIRECT YOU TO DO IT, BUT
16 ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO SHORTEN THE AMOUNT OF TIME YOU'RE GOING
17 TO NEED AT THE BACK END, JUST WHATEVER BOOKKEEPING THINGS,
18 HOUSEKEEPING THINGS YOU NEED TO DO TO SET YOURSELF UP IN THE
19 EVENT THE BOARD DOES APPROVE THIS, DO IT. DO IT IN THE NEXT
20 TWO WEEKS. AND THEN IF WE DONT APPROVE THIS OR VOTE IT DOWN,
21 IT WILL BE LOSS LEADER. BUT I DONT WANT TO PUT OURSELVES IN A
22 POSITION AT THE END OF THE YEAR WHERE WE HAVE TO WAIT. WHAT'S
23 THE WINDOW? IT'S FROM MARCH 2013 MAIL BALLOT. AND IF WE DONT
24 MAKE MARCH, THEN WHAT'S THE NEXT OPPORTUNITY?

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1 **MARK PASTRELLA:** AUGUST OF THE SAME YEAR.

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AUGUST OF THE SAME YEAR. SO IT'S
4 A SIX MONTH, FIVE, SIX-MONTH DIFFERENCE. AND I THINK TO THE
5 EXTENT WE CAN MOVE -- THIS HAS BEEN COOKING FOR A LONG TIME.
6 THIS HAS BEEN GESTATING FOR AN AWFUL LONG TIME. WE'VE BEEN
7 TALKING ABOUT THIS FOR YEARS. A LOT OF YEARS. I HATE TO THINK
8 ABOUT IT. BUT IT'S BEEN WORTH THE WAIT BECAUSE WE'VE RESOLVED
9 A LOT OF REGIONAL, INTERREGIONAL, INTRAREGIONAL CONFLICTS AND
10 CONCERNS. AND I WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE COULD AFFORD TO DO THE
11 TWO-WEEK DELAY, BRING THIS BACK IN TWO WEEKS, HOPEFULLY
12 SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S CONCERNS WILL BE ADDRESSED AND WE COULD
13 HAVE ANOTHER DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS AND GET IT GOING. SO I
14 THINK YOU GET MY DRIFT. AND THAT'S ALL I HAD. I THINK THIS IS
15 AN IMPORTANT THING. THIS REGION IS GOING TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH
16 THIS EITHER VOLUNTARILY ON ITS OWN TERMS OR IT'S GOING TO --
17 SOME COURT'S GOING TO FORCE US TO DO IT ON TERMS THAT WE MAY
18 NOT LIKE. AND I THINK WE WOULD MUCH RATHER BE IN CONTROL OF
19 OUR OWN DESTINY THAN HAVE SOMEBODY IN WASHINGTON OR SOMEBODY
20 OUTSIDE OF THE REGION TELLING US WHAT TO DO. WE HAVE TOO MUCH
21 OF THAT AS IT IS. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DID YOU WANT TO SPEAK TO
22 IT?

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. I WOULD LIKE THE TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IS THERE ANYBODY ELSE, MR.
2 RIDLEY-THOMAS, DID YOU WANT TO SPEAK TO THIS? ALL RIGHT.
3 WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE'LL CONTINUE THIS FOR TWO WEEKS. I WANT
4 TO THANK EVERYBODY WHO CAME DOWN TO SPEAK ON THIS, BOTH PRO
5 AND CON FOR DOING THAT. AND HOPEFULLY IN TWO WEEKS WE'LL BE
6 READY FOR A DECISION. THANK YOU. MIKE, YOU'RE STILL UP.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT'S THE ITEM? THE JAILS.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** 86.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 86, YES.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** D AS IN DOG. OKAY. WHAT IS 86-D?
15 WE HAVE SOME PEOPLE WHO WANTED TO BE HEARD ON THIS?

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THIS IS THE JAIL WORK PLAN.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, YEAH, YEAH.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 900 GRANTS.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ARE THE SHERIFF'S PEOPLE HERE?
24 THANK YOU. SHERIFF. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY ANYTHING OR YOUR
25 STAFF?



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2 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE
3 C.E.O.'S OFFICE AND TO THE BOARD AND TO ALL THE STAFF PEOPLE
4 THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THIS NEWER ITERATION PLAN REGARDING OUR
5 JAILS. AND JAN TAKATA I BELIEVE WILL GIVE US THE OVERVIEW OF
6 WHAT THIS IS ABOUT.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** JAN, GO AHEAD.

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10 **JAN TAKATA:** THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN. THIS IS TO -- THE ACTION
11 ITEMS ARE TO ACCEPT THE A.B.900 GRANT, \$100 MILLION GRANT FOR
12 CONSTRUCTION OF THE PITCHESS FEMALE VILLAGE. THAT IS THE ONLY
13 ACTION ITEM BECAUSE OF THE GUIDELINE DEADLINE COMING UP NEXT
14 WEEK TO ACCEPT IT. THE REST OF THE REPORT IS TO LAY OUT THE
15 SCHEDULE FOR THE LONGER-TERM DEVELOPMENT OF SOME INTERIM
16 MEASURES YOUR BOARD ASKED US TO LOOK AT AND THE SHERIFF HAS
17 STARTED WORKING ON IN TERMS OF THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL
18 FACILITY CONTRACTS, THE FIRE SUPPRESSION CAMP OPTIONS IN
19 PARTICULAR. AND ALSO DEVELOPMENT OF -- A LOOK AND REVIEW OF
20 SOME LONGER-TERM PROGRAMMATIC ALTERNATIVES AS SUPERVISOR
21 MOLINA WAS LOOKING FOR THE LAST TIME WE MET ON THE JAIL PLAN.
22 EACH ONE OF THOSE WE HAVE PROVIDED AN OUTLINE OF A SCHEDULE OF
23 HOW WE WILL BE DEVELOPING THOSE. WE HOPE TO BRING BACK THE
24 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY CONTRACTS BY THE END OF
25 SEPTEMBER FOR YOUR BOARD'S APPROVAL. THE FIRE SUPPRESSION CAMP



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1 ANALYSIS WILL BE COMPLETE AND PRESENTED TO YOUR BOARD BY
2 THANKSGIVING. AND THE PROGRAMMATIC ALTERNATIVES WE'LL BE
3 REVIEWING AND DEVELOPING THE ANALYSIS ON THAT OVER THE COURSE
4 OF THE YEAR. IN THE MEANTIME WE WILL BE DOING THE
5 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT ON THE PITCHESS PROJECT, WHICH IS
6 ALSO REQUIRED BY THE STATE GRANT GUIDELINES AND WE WILL BE
7 RETURNING TO YOUR BOARD IN THE NEXT COMING YEAR TO AGAIN LAY
8 OUT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PROGRAMMATIC ALTERNATIVES TO
9 INCARCERATION, FUTURE CAPITAL PLANS FOR JAIL FACILITIES AND
10 OPTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDING THOSE ADDRESSING MEN'S
11 CENTRAL JAIL. AND THEN FOLLOWING THAT, PER THE BOARD LETTER,
12 AT THE LEAST TWO MONTHS SUBSEQUENT TO THAT, WE'LL BE RETURNING
13 TWO AWARD A DESIGN-BUILD AGREEMENT FOR THE PITCHES VILLAGE
14 PROJECT. THE ONLY ACTIONS ITEMS ON TODAY'S AGENDA ARE RELATED
15 TO THE A.B.900 GRANT. AND DIRECTION TO OUR OFFICE TO RETURN
16 AND PRESENT THE FINAL JAIL FACILITY OPTIONS INCLUDING THOSE
17 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL TWO MONTHS PRIOR TO
18 PRESENTING THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION FOR CERTIFICATION
19 TO YOUR BOARD AND AWARD OF A DESIGN-BUILD AGREEMENT FOR THE
20 FEMALE VILLAGE AT PITCHESS. THOSE ARE THE ONLY ACTION ITEMS
21 TODAY.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MR. FUJIOKA.



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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF I CAN VERY QUICKLY, I WANTED TO EMPHASIZE
2 SEVERAL POINTS. ONE IS THE ABSOLUTE COMMITMENT TO BRING BACK,
3 WELL, BEFORE GOING FORTH A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE
4 PITCHESS WOMEN'S VILLAGE THAT WE WOULD BRING BACK A
5 COMPREHENSIVE JAIL PLAN FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION. THE
6 WOMEN'S PITCHESS FACILITY HAS THE DESIGN THAT WILL FACILITATE
7 REHABILITATION SERVICES OTHER THAN THE FACILITY CURRENTLY
8 HOUSE. AND WE ALSO HAVE A STRONG COMMITMENT TO COME BACK TO
9 YOU WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO MOVE FORWARD SOME OF THE
10 PROPOSALS THAT ARE DELINEATED IN THE VERA REPORT AND ALSO A
11 REPORT DEVELOPED BY DR. JAMES AUSTIN. THEY INCLUDE THE
12 PROGRAMMATIC ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION THAT HAVE BEEN
13 ADVOCATED BY A NUMBER OF FOLKS, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF OUR
14 BOARD. MOVING FORWARD RIGHT NOW WOULD ALLOW US TO TAKE
15 ADVANTAGE OF A.B.900 WHICH WE ALL KNOW IS A \$100 MILLION GRANT
16 WHICH WOULD HELP US ADDRESS THE CAPITAL COSTS FOR THIS
17 FACILITY, RECOGNIZING THAT WITH A.B.109, WE DO HAVE
18 CONSIDERABLE CAPITAL NEEDS. WE HAVE AN AGING INFRASTRUCTURE IN
19 THE JAIL SYSTEM THAT HAS TO BE ADDRESSED. BUT I JUST WANTED TO
20 MAKE SURE THAT ESPECIALLY FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, HE
21 UNDERSTANDS THE ABSOLUTE COMMITMENT TO BRING BACK THE
22 COMPREHENSIVE JAIL PLAN BEFORE WE PRESENT THE DESIGN BUILD
23 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO YOUR BOARD FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.
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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE HAVE SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO
2 HAVE ASKED TO BE HEARD.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** QUESTIONS.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU WANT TO DO IT NOW OR AFTER
7 THE PUBLIC HEARING? DO YOU WANT TO DO THAT FIRST? LET'S JUST
8 HEAR FROM THEM. HENRY SANDOVAL, IS HE HERE? NOT HERE?
9 CHRISTIAN PORFIRIO? IS HE HERE? RANESHA MATTHEWS?

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY ALL SPOKE ON 14 THINKING THAT WAS THIS
12 ITEM.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO THE PUBLIC HEARING IS
15 CLOSED. MR. ANTONOVICH. BUT YOU SPOKE ALREADY. BUT THE RULES
16 ARE THAT IF YOU SPEAK ON MULTIPLE ITEMS YOU GOT TO DO IT ALL
17 AT THE SAME TIME. AND I THINK YOU ADDRESSED SOME OF THE ISSUES
18 ON THIS GENERICALLY, I REMEMBER YOUR TESTIMONY. WELL, MR.
19 NAHHAS -- MR. NAHHAS, I'M GOING TO ASK THEM TO TAKE YOU OUT OF
20 HERE BECAUSE YOU'RE JUST DISRUPTING THE ROOM. YOU CAN'T JUST
21 DO THIS. YOU'RE NOT RUNNING THIS SHOW. MR. ANTONOVICH.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** QUESTION, QUESTION BILL. THIS REVISED JAIL
24 FACILITIES PLAN HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO US BACK IN OCTOBER. AND
25 IT WAS NOT APPROVED. AND THEN THE FACILITIES OPTION WAS



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1 PRESENTED TO US IN JANUARY AGAIN AND IT WASN'T APPROVED. AND
2 MY COLLEAGUES BROUGHT MOTIONS REQUESTING REPORTS WHICH HAVE
3 YET TO COME TO US SUCH AS SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S REQUEST FOR
4 A DETAILED WORK PLAN ON HOW THE \$5.7 MILLION WOULD BE USED BY
5 THE PROPOSED CONSULTANT AND MULTIPLE MOTIONS BY SUPERVISOR
6 KNABE. YET TODAY WE'RE NOW BEING ASKED TO START SPENDING MONEY
7 TOWARDS A MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT WHEN WE DON'T HAVE
8 ANSWERS TO THE PREVIOUS MOTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN ASKED BY THIS
9 BOARD. THE QUESTION IS: WHY DOES IT TAKE ONE YEAR AND MILLIONS
10 OF DOLLARS TO HIRE ADDITIONAL CONSULTANTS TO MODIFY AN
11 EXISTING PLAN? IT SOUNDS LIKE WE'RE STARTING ALL OVER AGAIN
12 FROM SCRATCH.

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14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'RE NOT QUITE STARTING FROM SCRATCH. SOME OF
15 THE ITEMS THAT YOU'RE REFERRING TO WILL BE ADDRESSED IN THE
16 COMPREHENSIVE JAIL PLAN. WHAT WE HAVE RIGHT NOW BEFORE US IS A
17 TIMELINE TO ACCEPT THE GRANT FOR A.B.900. THAT TIMELINE
18 EXPIRES NEXT WEEK, RIGHT? BUT BEFORE WE TAKE THE NEXT STEP
19 BEYOND THE REQUEST TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE WOMEN'S VILLAGE AT
20 PITCHESS, WE WILL BE ANSWERING ALL THOSE QUESTIONS. WE ALSO,
21 BECAUSE WE KNOW, WE TOOK A COUPLE OF THE CONSULTANT REPORTS,
22 SPECIFICALLY THE VERY IMPORTANT JIM MOSS REPORT AND WE'VE
23 ASKED OUR JAIL VIOLENCE COMMISSION TO REVIEW BOTH REPORTS AND
24 PROVIDE THEIR INPUT AND IF APPROPRIATE, RECOMMENDATIONS. SO
25 THAT'S A STEP THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN TAKEN AND WE NEED TIME FOR



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1 THAT PROCESS TO GO FORWARD. WHEN WE LOOK AT -- WHEN WE
2 PRESENTED OUR ORIGINAL PLAN, WHICH WAS A SIGNIFICANT
3 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AT CENTRAL JAIL, THERE WAS A LOT OF
4 CONCERNS REGARDING THE PRICE FOR THAT AND ALSO THE NECESSITY
5 FOR A PROJECT THAT LARGE. WE HEARD THAT REQUEST. AND AS WE
6 COME BACK TO YOU, IT WILL BE OUR INTENT TO BRING FORWARD A
7 SIGNIFICANTLY SCALED DOWN PROPOSAL. WHEN DOING SO, IT'S NOT
8 SOMETHING WE CAN JUST PREPARE OUT OF OUR OFFICES. WE DO NEED
9 THE CONSULTATIVE SUPPORT THAT WILL BE PROVIDED THROUGH THE
10 COMPANIES REFERRED TO IN THIS PARTICULAR -- IN THIS REPORT.

11
12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT BACK IN OCTOBER 2006, WE APPROVED A
13 CONCEPT. AND NOW SIX YEARS LATER WE ONLY HAVE ONE PIECE OF
14 THAT PUZZLE. WHY WOULD WE BELIEVE THAT YOU AND YOUR STAFF
15 WOULD DELIVER A WORKABLE PLAN IN LESS THAN A YEAR FROM TODAY.

16
17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** BECAUSE WE HAVE SIGNIFICANT COMPONENTS OF THAT
18 PLAN HAVE BEEN WORKED ON. WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS TAKING
19 AN EXISTING PLAN THAT WE HAVE AND REFINING IT, COMING BACK
20 WITH A SCALED-DOWN MODEL. BUT IN ADDITION, WE HAVE TWO REPORTS
21 THAT WE HAVE TO CONSIDER AND WE WILL BE WORKING WITH OUR JAIL
22 VIOLENCE COMMISSION. AND WE ALSO HAVE TO CONSIDER THE IMPACT
23 OF USING THE CORRECTIONAL -- COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES
24 AND TO SOME EXTENT THE FIRE CAMPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO US.



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF THE ITEM WOULD BE APPROVED, COULD YOU SET
2 AN ITEM QUARTERLY FOR ONE YEAR TO BRIEF THE BOARD ON THE
3 PROGRESS.

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5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ABSOLUTELY.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE A COLOR-CODED TIMELINE WHICH YOU HAVE
8 PROVIDED TO US TODAY RELATIVE TO SHOW US PLANS TO SOLICIT AND
9 SELECT A PROGRAM CONSULTANT. BUT IT ALSO SHOWS AN ASSESSMENT
10 OF EXISTING JAIL FACILITIES, BUT IT DOES NOT MENTION A
11 CONSULTANT. IS THAT PORTION SUPPOSED TO BE DONE BY A.E. COM?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** WELL BE COMING BACK TO YOUR BOARD TO RESPOND TO
14 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S REQUEST AS WELL AS A SCALED DOWN
15 VERSION OF A.E. COM'S CONTRACT, AS WELL, .

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHEN WAS SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S REQUEST
18 MADE TO YOU.

19

20 **JAN TAKATA:** THAT WAS THE REQUEST FOR A DETAILED WORK PLAN ON
21 THE A.E. COM CONTRACT, WHICH AFTER THE JANUARY ACTION WE HAVE
22 BEEN SCALING BACK AND REVISING THAT SCOPE. WE WILL BE BRINGING
23 THAT BACK TO YOUR BOARD.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN DID HE MAKE THAT REQUEST?



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2 **JAN TAKATA:** THAT WAS IN THE JANUARY ACTION.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OF THIS YEAR?

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6 **JAN TAKATA:** CORRECT.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO FOUR MONTHS AGO, FIVE MONTHS AGO?

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10 **JAN TAKATA:** CORRECT.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ARE THEY THE SAME CONSULTANTS WHO WOULD
13 DEVELOP NEW DESIGNS FOR THE CENTRAL JAIL?

14

15 **JAN TAKATA:** YES.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT HAPPENS IF THAT CONTRACT IS NOT APPROVED
18 BY THE BOARD?

19

20 **JAN TAKATA:** THEN WE WOULD HAVE TO DO ANOTHER SOLICITATION.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOUR OCTOBER BOARD LETTER HAD INDICATED THAT
23 BOTH CAPITAL PROJECTS, THE PITCHESS AND CENTRAL JAIL PROJECTS
24 WERE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THE JAIL PROBLEMS. IS THAT
25 STILL YOUR POSITION?



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2 **JAN TAKATA:** YES.

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4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WELL, PITCHES THEN JAIL? YES.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IF IT CAN'T MOVE TOGETHER, WOULD YOU STOP
7 ALL ACTIVITIES ON PITCHES?

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9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF THEY DON'T MOVE TOGETHER?

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF THEY CANNOT MOVE TOGETHER, WOULD YOU STOP
12 ALL ACTIVITIES AT PITCHES.

13

14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE COMMITMENT WE'RE MAKING -- THERE'S YES AND
15 NO TO THAT. PLEASE IF I CAN. THE COMMITMENT WE'RE MAKING --

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** EITHER YOU'RE PREGNANT OR YOU'RE NOT.

18

19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND. THE COMMITMENT WE'RE MAKING IS
20 BEFORE WE BRING THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE DESIGN BUILD
21 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FORWARD TO YOU FOR APPROVAL, IS WE WILL
22 HAVE THE COMPREHENSIVE JAIL PLAN IN PLACE. I'M OF THE STRONG
23 OPINION THAT GIVEN THIS POPULATION THAT'S BEEN PUSHED UPON US,
24 THIS A.B. POPULATION AND ALSO GIVEN THE AGE OF THE FACILITIES
25 LOCATED IN THAT CENTRAL JAIL REGION, WE NEED TO REPLACE THE



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1 HIGH SECURITY BEDS THAT CURRENTLY EXIST. OUR SYSTEM NEEDS AT
2 MINIMUM 1,500 TO 2,000 HIGH SECURITY BEDS. AND THAT MAY BE
3 PART OF THE PROPOSAL WE SENT BACK TO YOU. BECAUSE OF A.B. 109
4 AND BECAUSE OF OUR HIGHER AND GREATER RESPONSIBILITIES, WE
5 HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO GO FORWARD WITH A COMPREHENSIVE JAIL
6 PLAN, THAT WILL BE MY STRONG RECOMMENDATION, WHICH WILL
7 INCLUDE BOTH THE PITCHESS FEMALE VILLAGE AND CENTRAL JAIL.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THEY COULD -- YOU'RE SAYING THEY WOULD NOT
10 -- THERE WOULD BE NO PROHIBITION OF STOPPING THE PROJECT IF
11 ONLY ONE WAS APPROVED.

12

13 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** MY RECOMMENDATION WILL BE TO GO FORWARD WITH
14 BOTH, AND WE'LL BE PRESENTING IT TO THE BOARD AS SUCH.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT THEY CAN ONLY GO TOGETHER AS A UNIT, NOT
17 SEPARATELY?

18

19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ON TODAY'S MOTION, WE ASK THAT WE JUST MOVE
20 FORWARD WITH JUST THE GRANT SO WE CAN START THE C.E.Q.A.
21 PROCESS AND THAT WHEN WE COME BACK, WE'LL HAVE THE FULL PLAN
22 READY FOR YOU TO ADOPT AS ONE.

23



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THE ULTIMATE GOAL TO RELOCATE THE FEMALE
2 INMATES OUT OF CENTURY REGIONAL DETENTION AND HOUSE MALE
3 INMATES THERE?

4

5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES. THE ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO TAKE THE FEMALES
6 AND -- BECAUSE THE SETTING WE'RE TRYING TO DESIGN AND BUILD AT
7 PITCHES WILL BE -- WILL SIGNIFICANTLY FACILITATE THE
8 REHABILITATION PROCESS FOR FEMALE INMATES. THAT'S THE ULTIMATE
9 GOAL. THE CURRENT LOCATION DOES NOT PROVIDE THAT OPPORTUNITY.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT SINCE THE PROPOSED PITCHESS PROJECT HAS
12 1156 INMATES, WHERE WILL THE REMAINING FEMALE INMATES BE
13 RELOCATED?

14

15 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT WILL BE ADDRESSED AS WE TURN BACK TO THE
16 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** INCLUDING THE ADDITIONAL 1200 PROJECTED TO BE
19 UNDER RE-ALIGNMENT?

20

21 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT WILL BE PART OF THE PLAN, SIR.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT PERCENTAGE OF TIME ARE TRADITIONAL
24 COUNTY INMATES NOW SERVING RELATIVE TO THOSE WHO ARE SENTENCED
25 PRE JAIL RE-ALIGNMENT.



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2 **ARNOLD YIM:** SUPERVISOR, THE RELEASE PERCENTAGE HAS NOT
3 CHANGED. 75 PERCENT FOR THE MORE SERIOUS COUNTY SENTENCED
4 INMATES AND 20 PERCENT FOR THE LESS RISK.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS 20 PERCENT THE LESS RISK AND WHAT'S THE
7 OTHER?

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9 **ARNOLD YIM:** 75 PERCENT.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY'RE RIGHT NOW THEY'RE SPENDING 75 PERCENT
12 OF THEIR TIME?

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14 **ARNOLD YIM:** YES, SIR.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND YOU MADE REFERENCE RELATIVE TO WITH THE
17 INCREASE THAT IT COULD GO DOWN TO 15 PERCENT.

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19 **ARNOLD YIM:** WE DON'T HAVE ANY PLANS AT THIS TIME SUPERVISOR TO
20 REDUCE THE RELEASE PERCENTAGE.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WILL THE PITCHES PROJECT IMPACT THE
23 PERCENTAGE OF TIME SERVED BY COUNTY INMATES?

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1 **ARNOLD YIM:** IT POTENTIALLY COULD, ALONG WITH THE OTHER
2 OPTIONS, SUCH AS THE FIRE CAMPS, THE C.C.F.S, AND ALSO SOME
3 COMMUNITY DIVERSION.
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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT WOULD YOU BRING BACK IN 10 MONTHS? IF
6 YOU DID, WHAT TYPE OF STRATEGIES THAT WOULD INCREASE THE TIME
7 SERVED BY INMATES TRADITIONALLY SENTENCED TO COUNTY JAIL PRIOR
8 TO RE-ALIGNMENT?
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10 **ARNOLD YIM:** I'M SORRY. COULD YOU REPEAT THAT, SUPERVISOR?
11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE QUESTION IS: WHAT WOULD YOU BRING BACK IN
13 10 MONTHS? THE INCREASE IN TIME OR DECREASE IN TIME COUNTY
14 INMATES WOULD BE SERVING?
15

16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF I COULD, I THINK IF WE LOOKED AT THE PLAN
17 IN ITS TOTALITY, BECAUSE AS PART OF OUR RECOMMENDATION, WE
18 REFERENCED LOOKING AT SOME OF THE ALTERNATIVES TO
19 INCARCERATION THAT HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED IN THE VERA REPORT,
20 IN THE JIM AUSTIN REPORT THAT WOULD INCLUDE STEPS FOR THE
21 PERSON TO SERVE A LONGER PERIOD OF THEIR SENTENCE IN A SETTING
22 OTHER THAN A JAIL. BUT IF WE LOOK AT IT, WE SHOULDN'T LOOK AT
23 THIS IN PIECEMEAL. WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE PLAN AS A WHOLE. AND
24 THEN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, ONCE THEY HAVE THE PLAN, COULD
25 SPEAK TO -- SPEAK TO HOW LONG FOLKS IN DIFFERENT CATEGORIES



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1 WILL SERVE TIME IN EITHER A JAIL OR IN AN ALTERNATIVE FORM OF
2 INCARCERATION.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GO ON.

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6 **JAN TAKATA:** WE WOULD CERTAINLY INCLUDE THAT ANALYSIS IN THE
7 REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD, SUPERVISOR.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I UNDERSTAND IF WE ACCEPT THIS GRANT, THE
10 NEXT GRANT DEADLINE WOULD BE IN SEPTEMBER OF 2013. BY THEN, WE
11 WOULD SUBMIT A DESIGN TO THE STATE, CORRECT?

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13 **JAN TAKATA:** CORRECT.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TO PROVIDE THAT DESIGN, WE'D HAVE TO HIRE A
16 DESIGN BUILDER AS OF JUNE OF 2013.

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18 **JAN TAKATA:** SOMEWHERE BETWEEN JUNE OR JULY WOULD BE OUR
19 TARGET.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OF '13?

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23 **JAN TAKATA:** YES.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT IS OUR COMMITMENT TO HAVE A PLAN, A
2 COMPLETED JAIL PLAN THAT INCLUDES CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR THE
3 CENTRAL JAIL BY APRIL OF 2013?

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5 **JAN TAKATA:** WELL, WE'VE COMMITTED TO TWO MONTHS PRIOR TO THE
6 PRESENTATION OF A DESIGN BUILD AGREEMENT.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IF THAT COMPLETE PLAN, PARTICULARLY THE
9 CENTRAL JAIL CAPITAL PROJECT IS NOT APPROVED, WOULD YOU STILL
10 MOVE FORWARD WITH THE DESIGN BUILD CONTRACTS IN JUNE?

11

12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WELL FIRST THE PLAN WILL BE SUBMITTED. WE'RE
13 MAKING THAT COMMITMENT. FOR IT TO MOVE FORWARD WOULD BE -- IT
14 BECOMES A POLICY DECISION AT THAT POINT. I FEEL STRONGLY THAT
15 FOR THIS JAIL SYSTEM TO WORK, WE CANNOT -- WE CAN'T DO NOTHING
16 AT CENTRAL JAIL. THAT FACILITY HAS TO BE REPLACED.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WHY HAVE YOU TOLD US PREVIOUSLY THAT BOTH
19 PROJECTS NEED TO BE DONE TOGETHER?

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21 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WHY HAVEN'T WE TOLD YOU PREVIOUSLY?

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BOTH CENTRAL AND PITCHESS HAD TO GO AS A
24 UNIT, GO TOGETHER?

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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WELL THE ORIGINAL PLAN THAT WAS NOT APPROVED
2 BY THIS BOARD WAS TO HAVE ALL THE PROJECTS GO FORWARD. WE HAD
3 THE CENTRAL JAIL. WE HAD THE WOMEN'S VILLAGE. WHAT'S BEEN
4 ADDED, OF COURSE, IS CONSIDERATION OF VERA AND AUSTIN REPORTS,
5 BUT ALSO THE FACTORING IN THE AVAILABILITY OF THE COMMUNITY
6 CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND THE FIRE CAMPS. SO THERE HAVE BEEN
7 CHANGES SINCE WE SUBMITTED OUR REPORT THAT HAD A VERY LARGE
8 REPLACEMENT AT CENTRAL JAIL, BUT THE INTENT WAS FOR BOTH TO GO
9 FORWARD AT THAT TIME.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE PITCHESS PROJECT HAS ALWAYS BEEN PART OF
12 A LARGER JAIL PLAN WHICH WAS TO ADDRESS THE SAFETY AND
13 SECURITY OVERCROWDING, THE DATA AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND
14 REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF TIME SERVED. IT'S NOW BEING CARVED OUT AS
15 A SEPARATE PROJECT BECAUSE OF THE DEADLINE BY THE STATE FOR A
16 \$100 MILLION GRANT. I REMAIN SKEPTICAL AS TO WHETHER OR NOT
17 OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS WOULD EVER BE PROPOSED BY THE C.E.O. OR
18 APPROVED BY THE BOARD FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS. THE BIG
19 PROBLEM IS: WE DON'T HAVE A PLAN AND THE ITEM BEFORE US TODAY
20 IS INCOMPLETE, IT'S NOT EVEN HALF OF A JAIL PLAN. IT'S BEEN
21 ALMOST SIX YEARS SINCE WE TOOK ACTION ON A CONCEPTUAL JAIL
22 PLAN THAT HAS BEEN A MOVING TARGET EVER SINCE. WE HAVE HAD
23 CONSULTANT AFTER CONSULTANT REPORT ON THE JAIL CONDITION,
24 STAFFING AND OVERALL MANAGEMENT AND ARE STILL TALKING ABOUT
25 HIRING EVEN MORE CONSULTANTS, A.E. COM AND KRAUT AND CETA HAVE



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1 BEEN MENTIONED. WE'RE NOW BEING ASKED TO SPEND A HALF MILLION
2 DOLLARS TO CONDUCT A FULL E.I.R. ON A PROJECT THAT DOESN'T
3 EVEN SCRATCH THE SURFACE OF THE JAIL ISSUES. C.E.O. STAFF HAS
4 STATED THAT THEY WOULD BRING A COMPLETE PLAN TO THE BOARD IN
5 ABOUT 10 MONTHS. WE'VE HEARD THAT SONG BEFORE. THE E.I.R. IS
6 COMPLETE AND FURTHER BOARD ACTION ON THE GRANT IS NECESSARY.
7 BUT THAT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE GIVEN THE HISTORY.
8 TODAY'S ACTION IS DRIVEN BY AN ARBITRARY GRANT DEADLINE SET BY
9 THE STATE, WHO HAVE THE ABILITY TO MAKE ALL DIFFERENT TYPES OF
10 DEADLINES. WE'RE BEING ASKED TO PULL THE TRIGGER ON A PROJECT
11 WITHOUT A PLAN, WITHOUT KNOWING HOW THAT FITS INTO THE LARGER
12 PICTURE SIMPLY BECAUSE THE STATE IS DANGLING A CARROT. THE
13 PITCHESS PROJECT PROPOSES TO BILL 1156 BEDS FOR FEMALE
14 INMATES. THAT ONLY REPRESENTS 6 PERCENT OF OUR TOTAL JAIL
15 POPULATION BASED ON TODAY'S FIGURES. AS OF TODAY, THERE ARE
16 2433 FEMALE INMATES IN OUR JAILS. WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER HALF OF
17 THE FEMALES? PRELIMINARY PROJECTIONS INDICATE THAT RE-
18 ALIGNMENT WILL REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL 1200 JAIL BEDS FOR
19 FEMALES. WHERE ARE WE GOING TO HOUSE THOSE INMATES? OUR TOTAL
20 JAIL INMATE POPULATION IS GROWING BY THE DAY BECAUSE OF RE-
21 ALIGNMENT. AS OF TODAY THERE ARE 18,589 INMATES IN OUR JAILS.
22 PRIOR TO RE-ALIGNMENT, WE HAD 15,000 INMATES IN OUR JAILS. OUR
23 JAILS ARE QUICKLY TURNING INTO DE FACTO STATE PRISONS AND
24 PUSHING TRADITIONAL COUNTY INMATES OUT THE DOOR. SO WHAT IS
25 THE PLAN FOR THE COUNTY INMATES? IF CONVICTED CRIMINALS NO



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1 LONGER HAVE TO PAY THEIR DEBT TO SOCIETY, WE CAN EXPECT MORE
2 CRIME RATE INCREASES. THERE ARE SOME DISCUSSIONS ABOUT
3 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION THROUGH PRETRIAL RELEASE OR
4 POST-CONVICTION REHABILITATION PROGRAMS. EFFECTIVE
5 REHABILITATION PROGRAMS ARE NOT CONSEQUENCES, NOT FOR EVERY
6 CRIMINAL AND SHOULD NOT BE -- AND SHOULD ONLY BE OFFERED IN
7 ADDITION TO JAIL TIME NOT IN LIEU OF. UNDER RE-ALIGNMENT WE
8 ARE OFFERING MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND SOCIAL
9 SERVICES IN A ONE STOP SHOP TO OFFENDERS, AND WE STILL HAVE
10 PEOPLE RETURNING -- TURNING THAT TREATMENT DOWN, SAYING NO TO
11 MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT, SAYING NO TO DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT,
12 SAYING NO TO ALCOHOL ABUSE TREATMENT. AND GOING BACK AND
13 YOU'VE HAD A SPIKE OF ARRESTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND THE
14 STATE BY THOSE INDIVIDUALS. AS YOU REMEMBER THAT ONE INMATE
15 K.K., WHO WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON AND PLACED UNDER PROBATION
16 SUPERVISION PER RE-ALIGNMENT WAS SEVERELY MENTALLY ILL AND HAD
17 A VERY SERIOUS CRIMINAL RECORD. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT FORCEFUL
18 RAPE AND HARM. BEING A REGISTERED ARSONIST AS WELL AS A
19 RAPIST, THE RE-ALIGNMENT DOESN'T CARE ABOUT HIS CRIMINAL
20 HISTORY; IT ONLY CARES ABOUT THE MOST RECENT OFFENSE. SO WHAT
21 HAPPENED? HE WENT BEFORE A STATE HEARING OFFICER FOR A
22 DETERMINATION ON TREATMENT BECAUSE THE HEAD OF PSYCHIATRY AT
23 OLIVE VIEW, GRAVELY CONCERNED FOR THE SAFETY OF STAFF AND
24 OTHER PATIENTS, COMPLAINED TO OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. HE WAS
25 ORDERED TO OUTPATIENT TREATMENT SERVICES AND PLACED ON G.P.S.



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1 TRACKING. WHAT HAPPENED? SHORT TIME AFTER, HE WAS ABANDONED
2 AND RECENTLY ARRESTED IN SAN DIEGO. SAN DIEGO. ANOTHER RE-
3 ALIGNMENT PRISONER UNDER PROBATION SUPERVISION IS B.B. ALSO
4 WITH A MENTAL HEALTH CONDITION WAS EVALUATED BY PROBATION AND
5 ASSESSED BY MENTAL HEALTH BUT VERY RECENTLY HE WAS ARRESTED
6 FOR MURDER. ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION MAY APPLY TO LOW
7 LEVEL OR FIRST TIME OFFENDERS AND I AGREE WITH THAT CONCEPT.
8 BUT VERY FEW OF WHOM ARE OCCUPYING OUR JAIL BEDS IN ANY
9 SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME ARE IN THAT CATEGORY. EVEN THEN
10 OFFERING RELEASE OPTIONS ARE RISKY WHEN IT COMES TO PROTECTING
11 PUBLIC SAFETY. REQUIRES INPUT AND A GREAT DEAL OF STUDY. IT
12 REQUIRES JUDGES' BUYOFFS WHO DON'T ANSWER TO THIS BOARD AND
13 REQUIRES THE SHERIFF AND D.A. SUPPORT WHO ARE ELECTED
14 OFFICIALS AND ALSO IN THE END REQUIRE THE THREATS OF JAIL TIME
15 TO GET COMPLIANCE BY OFFENDERS. BUDGET CUTS TO THE SHERIFF'S
16 DEPARTMENT AND EARLY RELEASE ALREADY ENSURES THAT THOSE MOST
17 IN NEED OF HOUSING ARE HOUSED. THESE ARE THE DISCUSSIONS OF
18 EXPANDING BED CAPACITY BY USING FIRE CAMPS AND COMMUNITY
19 CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES. I SUPPORT THAT. BUT WE DON'T HAVE
20 ENOUGH FIRE CAMPS OR PEOPLE WHO ARE ABLE-BODIED TO FIGHT FIRES
21 TO BE HOUSED IN THOSE FACILITIES. I SUPPORT THE CONTRACTING
22 WITH COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES BUT DON'T HAVE ENOUGH
23 INFORMATION ABOUT THOSE FIRE CAMPS YET. IN THE MEANTIME, WE'RE
24 STARTING TO HOUSE PRISONERS WITH LENGTHY SENTENCES EVEN THOUGH
25 OUR JAILS ARE NOT MEANT FOR THAT. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT 8, 9,



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1 10, 12, I THINK 20, AND SOMEBODY MENTIONED 30 YEARS IN A
2 COUNTY JAIL. THAT'S A STATE PRISON INMATE, NOT FOR A COUNTY
3 NEIGHBORHOOD JAIL. ONE SUCH PRISONER WAS RECENTLY SENTENCED TO
4 JAIL FOR 42 YEARS FOR MAJOR NARCOTICS IN A COUNTY JAIL, WHICH
5 IS UNHEARD OF. EVEN THOUGH STATE LAW REQUIRES 50 PERCENT
6 CREDIT FOR GOOD TIME WORK BEHAVIOR, HE STILL HAS 21 YEARS OF
7 ROOM AND BOARD IN OUR COUNTY JAIL. WE ALL KNOW THAT IT'S A
8 MATTER OF TIME BEFORE WE HAVE MORE SUCH PRISONERS, NOT JUST
9 L.A. COUNTY BUT ALL 58 COUNTIES IN THIS STATE. OUR STATE IS
10 HEADED IN A TERRIBLE DIRECTION IN SO MANY WAYS. IT'S SINKING
11 FISCALLY AND IS EFFECTIVELY DECRIMINALIZING OFFENDERS WITH
12 SERIOUS CRIMINAL RECORDS WHICH IS GOING TO BE DIFFICULT FOR
13 OUR HARD-WORKING MEN AND WOMEN IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, FOR OUR
14 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, OUR PROBATION, OUR DISTRICT ATTORNEYS,
15 OUR PUBLIC DEFENDER, OUR MENTAL HEALTH AND OTHERS ARE GOING TO
16 BE SEVERELY IMPACTED. SO IT'S DIFFICULT TO SUPPORT SPENDING
17 HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO DO ANOTHER E.I.R. ON A
18 MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT WITHOUT A PLAN, WITHOUT KNOWING HOW
19 IT WOULD FIT INTO THE OTHER JAIL ISSUES AND WITHOUT KNOWING
20 HOW IT WOULD AFFECT THE PERCENTAGE OF TIME COUNTY OFFENDERS
21 CURRENTLY WOULD BE SERVING. SO I'D MOVE THAT THE PITCHESS
22 E.I.R. AND ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES ON PITCHESS STOP ABSENT OF AN
23 IMPROVED CAPITAL PROJECT REGARDING CENTRAL JAIL SO THEY BE
24 TOGETHER NOT SEPARATELY.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THAT A MOTION?

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE LAST PART.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE A SECOND? HE JUST MADE A
6 MOTION.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT STATEMENT BUT THEN THE MOTION THAT WE
9 WOULD MOVE THAT THE PITCHES E.I.R. AND OTHER ACTIVITIES ON
10 PITCHES STOP ABSENCE OF AN APPROVED CAPITAL PROJECTS
11 REGARDING. MOLINA (OFF MIC COMMENT).

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13 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF WE WERE TO STOP ALL ACTIVITY ON PITCHES
14 RIGHT NOW ABSENT -- WELL IF THAT INCLUDES NOT ACCEPTING THE
15 GRANT --

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S NOT WHAT HE SAID, I'M SORRY. I
18 MISUNDERSTOOD. I THOUGHT YOU WERE SAYING THAT YOU WANT TO MOVE
19 FORWARD AS LONG AS WE START SOME KIND OF PARALLEL PROJECT,
20 WHICH SUPPOSEDLY IS IN THE WORKS SOMEWHERE, RIGHT?

21

22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE KEY IS BY ACCEPTING THE GRANT, THE FIRST
23 STEP WE HAVE TO TAKE WOULD BE GOING THROUGH THE E.I.R. AND
24 CEQA, RIGHT? AND THAT SHOULD TAKE US LITTLE SHORT OF ONE YEAR.
25 AND THAT MUST BE DONE BEFORE WE COME BACK TO YOUR BOARD WITH A



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1 REQUEST TO APPROVE THE DESIGN BUILD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT. IF
2 WE WERE TO WAIT, EVEN IF WE WERE TO WAIT SAY SIX MONTHS BEFORE
3 WE HAVE THE FULL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OR THE 10 WE'RE CURRENTLY
4 PROJECTING, WE WOULD HAVE INSUFFICIENT TIME TO COMPLETE THE
5 E.I.R. AND THE CEQA PROCESS, WHICH WOULD NOT ALLOW US TO MEET
6 THE 2013 DEADLINE. DECEMBER? OH, I'M SORRY, THE SEPTEMBER 2013
7 DEADLINE.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THERE'S NOT A SECOND.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL WAIT A MINUTE. WE DIDN'T GET AN ANSWER.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I THOUGHT YOU WERE DONE?

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T KNOW. WAS THAT THE ANSWER?

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD.

18

19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I'M SAYING WE COULDN'T STOP RIGHT NOW. IF

20 WE'RE TO STOP RIGHT NOW --

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** HE'S NOT SAYING FOR YOU TO STOP RIGHT NOW. THAT'S
23 THE WHOLE POINT.

24

25 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I HEARD HIM SAY TO STOP.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE WAY I HEARD IT, IT WOULD STOP
3 THE APPLICATION OF THE MONEY FOR THE GRANT, THE \$100 MILLION
4 GRANT.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE
7 THE PITCHESS, THIS GRANT THAT WE'RE GOING TO RECEIVE. WE'RE
8 GOING TO RECEIVE THE GRANT, WE START TO PROCESS, BUT IT SHOULD
9 BE COORDINATED WITH THE REBUILDING OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL OR
10 THE CAPITAL PROJECT. HE DIDN'T EVEN DEFINE IT AS TO WHAT KIND
11 OF CAPITAL PROJECT. IT MIGHT BE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR
12 LANDSCAPING FOR ALL WE KNOW. THE ISSUE IS THAT YOU'RE NOT
13 ANSWERING HIS QUESTIONS.

14

15 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** MAYBE I MISUNDERSTOOD HIM. WHAT I THOUGHT I
16 HEARD HIM SAY IS TO STOP ALL ACTIVITY WHATSOEVER ON PITCHESS.
17 AND I INTERPRETED THAT COMMENT TO INCLUDE THE E.I.R. AND THE
18 CEQA PROCESS, WHICH WOULD DELAY THE PROJECT, WHICH WOULD
19 IMPACT --

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT HE'S TALKING A YEAR FROM NOW. IF YOU DON'T
22 HAVE A PLAN IN PLACE FOR MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, THEN YOU'D HAVE
23 TO STOP.

24

25 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT WOULD BE INCUMBENT UPON Y'ALL TO GET TO WORK
3 ON THIS JAIL PLAN WHICH EVERYBODY IS SITTING AROUND HERE
4 WAITING FOR. AND ALL HE WANTS IT TO DO IS RUN CONCURRENTLY,
5 WHICH I DON'T THINK IS -- I MEAN --

6

7 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF THAT'S WHAT IT IS, THEN FINE.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK THAT'S WHAT THE C.E.O.
10 HAS BEEN PROPOSING TO DO AS PART OF THIS ACTION. WHAT I HEARD
11 MR. ANTONOVICH SAY IS STOP ALL ACTIVITY.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ABSENT AND APPROVED CAPITAL PROJECTS.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, ABSENT WHEN? TODAY? OR A
16 YEAR FROM NOW?

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** HE'S SAYING IT'S GOING TO TAKE A YEAR FOR THEM TO
19 DO THE E.I.R., AND HE'S SAYING CONCURRENTLY. I DON'T KNOW TO
20 WHAT LEVEL. THEY'VE BEEN DOING AN E.I.R. ON MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL
21 FOR HOW MANY YEARS NOW?

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. THE POINT IS, MIKE, THE
24 POINT IS THAT IF THE ISSUE WAS THAT YOU DIDN'T WANT THEM TO
25 PROCEED WITH THIS PROJECT, ABSENT A PLAN, I THINK THAT'S WHAT



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1 THE C.E.O. HAS BEEN SAYING THEY'RE PREPARED TO DO. BUT THEY
2 WANT THE AUTHORITY TO BE ABLE TO GO SEEK AND RECEIVE THE \$100
3 MILLION GRANT THAT'S AVAILABLE. AND PRESUMABLY IF THERE'S NO
4 PLAN THAT THE BOARD CAN AGREE ON WHENEVER THAT PLAN COMES
5 FORWARD BEFORE THE MONEY IS EXPENDED, WE COULD -- WE COULD
6 CROSS THAT BRIDGE WHEN WE GET TO IT WE COULD STOP. BUT I'M
7 ANTICIPATING THAT WE'LL HAVE SOME PLAN THAT WILL HOPEFULLY
8 THERE WILL BE CONSENSUS ON. MY ONLY CONCERN, AND I THINK WE'RE
9 SAYING THE SAME THING, I JUST THINK WE HEARD DIFFERENT THINGS,
10 IS THAT NOTHING THAT IS DONE TODAY WOULD STOP THE APPLICATION
11 PROCESS FOR THE \$100 MILLION GRANT.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'RE TOLD IN APRIL WE'RE HAVING A PLAN,
14 CORRECT?

15

16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** APRIL 2013.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'RE JUNE.

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20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES WE ARE BEING TOLD THAT.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IF THE C.E.O.'S PLAN IN APRIL IS NOT
23 APPROVED THEN WE WOULD STOP PITCHES.

24

25 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** OH, I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** HE'S JUST ASKING FOR ASSURANCES. I THINK THAT'S A
3 FAIR THING.

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5 **SPEAKER:** I THINK SO, TOO.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T THINK ANYONE'S WANTS TO DENY THIS
8 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE 100 MILLION. BUT AT THE SAME TIME WE'VE
9 BEEN WAITING FOR A JAIL PLAN FOR MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND NOW WE
10 HAVE THIS OTHER OPTION, AND THE OTHER ONE'S NOT MOVING. AND
11 HE'D JUST LIKE TO SEE IT RUN CONCURRENTLY. I DON'T SEE A
12 PROBLEM WITH THAT UNLESS YOU PLAN ON BRINGING NOTHING TO US
13 NEXT YEAR. THEN I THINK THE PROBLEM WILL BE THAT YOU ARE NOT
14 GOING TO GET PITCHES.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK THAT'S CONSISTENT WITH
17 WHAT THE C.E.O.'S PROPOSAL WAS AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS ITEM.
18 SO I DON'T SEE THAT AS A PROBLEM. YEAH, YOU'VE CLARIFIED THAT.

19

20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, SIR.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME
23 PAGE NOW?

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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT'S A COMMITMENT I MADE. I WANT TO MAKE
2 SURE YOU HEARD THAT COMMITMENT. THAT WILL COME FORWARD BEFORE
3 WE COME BACK WITH A REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT ANYTHING.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO IS THERE ANY OTHER
6 DISCUSSION?

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10 **>>SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PARALLEL TRACK IS ALL WE'RE TALKING.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES, SIR.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** (OFF MIC) .

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO IS THERE A MOTION?
17 RIDLEY-THOMAS MOVES. I'LL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, AS
18 UNDERSTOOD BY MR. ANTONOVICH'S AMENDMENT, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

19

20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT ITEM? MR. CHAIRMAN, ON ITEM
23 NO. 18, WHICH WE HELD ON THE TABLE, SUPERVISOR KNABE RELEASED
24 HIS HOLD. SO IF WE COULD JUST GET APPROVAL ON THAT.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED
2 BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT'S 18-D?

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** JUST 18.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. AND THEN IF WE COULD FINISH
9 ADJOURNMENTS? SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S UP?

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU
12 HAVE ANY ADJOURNING MOTIONS?

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14 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S MY TURN?

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNING
21 MOTIONS?

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MARK. DO YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNING
2 MOTIONS?

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, I ADJOURN IN
5 MEMORY OF CHRISTINE STILES KINSLEY WHO PASSED ON JUNE 3 OF
6 THIS YEAR. TOUCHED MANY LIVES WITH HER JOY AND HER LIGHT. WILL
7 BE REMEMBERED FOR HER LOVING SPIRIT. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
8 CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, TWO BROTHERS AND A HOST OF FAMILY AND
9 FRIENDS WHO WILL INDEED MISS HER. VERNITA EVELYN CRAWFORD,
10 BORN JUNE 22, 1942, NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK. PASSED ON MAY 21
11 AT THE AGE OF 69. ALTHOUGH SHE WAS A PERMANENT RESIDENT OF NEW
12 JERSEY, SHE REGULARLY VISITED LOS ANGELES IN THE WINTER. SHE
13 EARNED HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY IN
14 1964 AND SUBSEQUENTLY EARNED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN EDUCATION
15 FROM CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK. SHE TAUGHT IN THE HARLEM
16 SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SOME 30 YEARS AND WON THE TEACHER OF THE
17 YEAR AWARD BEFORE SHE RETIRED. SHE WAS A LOVER OF GOSPEL
18 MUSIC, FAITHFUL SUPPORTER OF CALIFORNIA BLACK WOMEN'S HEALTH
19 PROJECT AND WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER KIND AND GIVING SPIRIT.
20 SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, FRANK, SR.; HER CHILDREN,
21 CRYSTAL AND FRED, JR.; AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN AND A HOST OF
22 FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HER DEARLY. FINALLY, SAM
23 SLAVIK, BORN MAY 5, 1923, IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AND PASSED ON
24 MAY 31 AT THE AGE OF 89. HE RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1980
25 AND WORKED IN THE REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY. HE HAD A PASSION FOR



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1 SONG WRITING AND WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS KIND AND EASYGOING
2 SPIRIT. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ANN; HIS DAUGHTER, MARTHA;
3 SONS, MATT AND STEVE; AND A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO
4 WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. FINALLY, MR. CHAIR, IF I MAY READ IN A
5 MATTER DEALING WITH THE INTEGRATING ALCOHOL AND DRUG-RELATED
6 SERVICES. WELL DOCUMENTED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, EPISODES RELY
7 ON HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOMS FOR CARE THAT IN MANY INSTANCES
8 MIGHT BE MORE APPROPRIATELY AND EFFECTIVELY DELIVERED IN
9 COMMUNITY-BASED SETTINGS. THIS PROBLEM HAS WORSENERED DURING THE
10 ECONOMIC DOWNTURN. INTEGRATED ALCOHOL AND DRUG SERVICES, ALONG
11 WITH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, CAN HELP DECOMPRESS EMERGENCY
12 ROOM OVERCROWDING AND THE DEMAND FOR PSYCHIATRIC BEDS. I
13 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
14 HEALTH, WORKING WITH THE DIRECTOR OF D.H.S. AND THE DIRECTOR
15 OF MENTAL HEALTH, IN CONSULTATION WITH COUNTY COUNSEL TO DO
16 THE FOLLOWING: REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS TO THE BOARD ON THE
17 EXTENT TO WHICH CONTRACTED ALCOHOL AND DRUG PREVENTION
18 INTERVENTION AND TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SERVICES CAN BE BETTER
19 ALIGNED WITH EFFORTS BY D.M.H. AND D.H.S. TO INTEGRATE THEIR
20 SERVICES. THIS REPORT SHALL ADDRESS ISSUES OF FEASIBILITY AND
21 TIMELINE, DESCRIBE HOW D.P.H., WORKING WITH THESE COUNTERPART
22 AGENCIES, D.M.H. AND D.H.S. SHALL IDENTIFY THE SITES. AND,
23 FINALLY, POINT TO POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES AND ULTIMATELY
24 IDENTIFY A STRUCTURE WHEREBY THE DEPARTMENTS CAN CONTINUE TO
25 COMMUNICATE AND COLLABORATE ON OPPORTUNITIES TO INTEGRATE



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1 THEIR SERVICES. THIS IS ESSENTIALLY A REPORT BACK. IT IS
2 CONNECTED TO ITEM 49, MR. CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES. I HELD IT FOR
3 THE PURPOSES OF READING THIS IN AND WOULD HOPE THAT WE CAN
4 SIMPLY ATTACH THIS AND MOVE FORWARD.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** SECOND.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. I
13 HAVE TWO ADJOURNING MOTIONS. ROBERT RAINEY, LONGTIME COUNTY
14 RESIDENT, SUCCESSFUL CHIROPRACTOR IN CULVER CITY, WHO RECENTLY
15 DIED TRAGICALLY AT THE AGE OF 54 AS THE APPARENT VICTIM OF A
16 ROBBERY AT HIS MEDICAL OFFICE. HE WAS KNOWN AS AN AVID RUNNER
17 AND MOUNTAIN CLIMBER, STRONG ADVOCATE FOR HEALTHY LIFESTYLE
18 AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE, AND A LOVING AND BELOVED BROTHER,
19 HUSBAND, AND UNCLE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS BROTHER, "LOS
20 ANGELES TIMES" MEDIA REPORTER JAMES RAINEY; HIS WIFE,
21 MARGARET; AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS, PATIENTS AND MANY FRIENDS.
22 AND ALSO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF NEREIDA SKELTON, A LONGTIME
23 TEACHER IN SACRAMENTO AND WIFE OF "LOS ANGELES TIMES" STATE
24 CAPITOL COLUMNIST GEORGE SKELTON, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
25 OF 68 AFTER A LONG BATTLE WITH CANCER. SHE TAUGHT AT TWO AREA



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1 HIGH SCHOOLS, WAS A DEBATE COACH AND ADVISOR TO THE STUDENT
2 NEWSPAPER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, GEORGE SKELTON;
3 STEPDAUGHTERS, KAREN SKELTON, SHARON SKLETON, DONNA ADKAS, SIX
4 STEP GRANDCHILDREN, OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND MANY COLLEAGUES
5 AND FRIENDS. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS. WITHOUT
6 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. PUBLIC COMMENT? LET ME HAVE THE -- IS
7 ARNOLD SACHS HERE? PEGGY CANSLER, ESTHER VALENCIA. ILANIT
8 HAROUNSHEILY. WE'LL ACCOMMODATE YOU THERE. IS LAMBERT TALLEY
9 HERE? OKAY. WHY DON'T YOU COME ON UP HERE. IRENE PANG? ERIC
10 PREVEN.

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12 **ILANIT HAROUNSHEILY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS
13 ILANIT HAROUNSHEILY, I AM AN I.H.S.S. RECIPIENT AND RECEIVE
14 I.H.S.S. SERVICES AND HOME SUPPORT SERVICES. I LIVE IN
15 LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA. AND I'M HERE TO DISCUSS I.H.S.S.
16 SERVICES AND PAY RAISE FOR I.H.S.S. RECIPIENTS AND PROVIDERS.
17 THEY GET PAID \$9 AN HOUR AND THE PROPOSAL IS FOR THEM TO GET
18 \$9.65 AN HOUR. THEY WORK MANY, MANY HARD HOURS AND DON'T
19 HARDLY GET THE RECOGNITION THEY DESERVE. I RELY ON I.H.S.S.
20 SERVICES ON A DAILY BASIS IN ORDER FOR ME TO LIVE
21 INDEPENDENTLY IN MY OWN HOME. AND THEY, THE I.H.S.S. PROVIDERS
22 DESERVE MORE THAN ANYTHING TO GET A BETTER PAY RAISE, I
23 APOLOGIZE, I'M NERVOUS.

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25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO PROBLEM.



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2 **ILANIT HAROUNSHEILY:** BETTER PAY RAISE. BETTER INSURANCE. AND
3 MORE FLEXIBILITY. THEY PUT IN A LOT OF HOURS. AND PROVIDE
4 NUMEROUS SERVICES IN ORDER FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES AND
5 SENIOR CITIZENS TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY IN THEIR OWN HOME. SO IN
6 MY PERSONAL LIFE, I REALIZED I'VE LIVED IN A RESIDENTIAL
7 FACILITY BEFORE, AND I'D RATHER LIVE INDEPENDENTLY IN MY OWN
8 HOME, BUT I'D RATHER LIVE INDEPENDENTLY IN MY OWN HOME LIKE I
9 AM DOING NOW VERSUS A RESIDENTIAL FACILITY THAT HAS 6 TO 8
10 PEOPLE.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YOU MAKE A VERY
13 COMPELLING POINT.

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15 **ILANIT HAROUNSHEILY** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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17 **>>SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LAMBERT TALLY?

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19 **LAMBERT TALLEY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY COLLEAGUES AND
20 I, I AM A HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL. I'M ALSO A SPIRITUAL
21 LEADER, A MINISTER. MY COLLEAGUES AND I, SEVERAL -- ABOUT A
22 MONTH AGO, I APPROACHED THE SECOND DISTRICT IN RELATION TO THE
23 OPENING OF M.L.K.-M.A.C.C. INTO SETTING UP A COMMUNITY
24 ADVISORY BOARD. THIS DEFINITELY NEEDS TO BE DONE TO PROVIDE A
25 BRIDGE BETWEEN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE COMMUNITY. AS



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1 A HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL AND AS A COMMUNITY LEADER, WE NEED
2 TO HAVE THIS PROVIDER SYSTEM SO THAT WE DO NOT HAVE ANOTHER
3 DOWNFALL. AS ONE WHO HAS HAD FOUR MAJOR SURGERIES, TWO OPEN
4 HEART SURGERIES AND TWO NEUROSURGERIES, AND AS A HEALTHCARE
5 PROFESSIONAL, I KNOW WHAT DOWNFALLS CAN LEAD TO. WE DO NOT
6 NEED MALPRACTICE. PLANS FAIL FOR LACK OF COUNSEL, BUT WITH
7 MANY ADVISORS THEY SUCCEED, PROVERBS 15:22. LET'S NOT HAVE
8 DOWNFALLS.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. IRENE PANG?

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12 **IRENE PANG:** HI, I'M IRENE PANG. I'M CONCERNED IF THESE RECENT
13 YEARS ALL THE FIRST AND MATTERS PUT TOGETHER IN THE PUZZLE.
14 THE OUTCOME IS SAME AS I SAID YESTERDAY, SOMEONE'S AGAINST
15 UNITED STATES AND THEIR CITIZENS AND ASSOCIATION AND THE
16 FOREIGNERS, BUT A POLL OF INTENT ON UNITED STATES IN THE WAYS
17 IN DISASTER ECONOMY AND GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS AND CONNECT AND
18 ARMIES AND CITIZENS AND FOREIGNER AND ASSOCIATES. IN OTHER
19 WORDS, WE WERE TO UNITE THE STATES, U.S., THE CITIZENS, THE
20 FOREIGNERS FOR HELP? SECOND, I CONCERNED THAT MY NATION HAD TO
21 UPDATE TO SET STRONG FOUNDATION AND THE SYSTEM TO STOP THE
22 VIOLATION AND COVER THE DAMAGE. THIRD, I REQUIRED CREDIT FOR
23 MY FAMILY AND MY FRIENDS AND MYSELF. MY FAMILY HAVE BEEN DOING
24 THE BEST THE SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT AND NATION OF UNITED
25 STATES. AND ALSO USING MY FAMILY, PUT FAMILY MEMBER TO PUT THE



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1 PRESSURE AND THEY PUT THE PRESSURE ON ME AND TRY TO CAUSE ME
2 TO CHANGE MY ATTITUDE. THAT'S WHY I ASK FOR THE CREDIT FOR MY
3 FAMILY MEMBERS. I RESPECT AND APPRECIATE THE GOVERNMENT AND
4 THE JUSTICE SYSTEM OF THE NATION, UNITED STATES AND THE STATE
5 AND THE -- GOVERNMENT DO THE BEST IMPORTANT NATION U.S. AND
6 THE CITIZEN AND THE FOREIGNER AND THE ASSOCIATES. THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MIKI JACKSON. BEFORE
9 MR. PREVEN SPEAKS, MIKI JACKSON AND JOHN NAHHAS. MR. PREVEN?

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11 **ERIC PREVEN:** YEAH, MY NAME IS ERIC PREVEN AND I AM THE COUNTY
12 RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. AND THERE'S A LARGE GRIEVANCE ABOUT
13 THE FACT THAT MISS SUTTON WAS DENIED THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK
14 ON 86-D. I'M READING FROM THE BOARD RULES ON PAGE 8. THERE
15 SHALL BE NO LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF ITEMS A MEMBER IS ALLOWED
16 TO SPEAK. AND YOU KNOW THAT. YOU WROTE THESE RULES. AND IT'S
17 REALLY INTOLERABLE. I HAD TO EXPERIENCE THE SAME THING ON ITEM
18 19 IN NOVEMBER. WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN NEW JAILS AT THIS
19 TIME. WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN THE DIFFICULT NOTION OF
20 APPLYING FOR STATE FUNDING FOR \$100 MILLION THAT WILL THEN
21 KISS FORWARD A MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL THAT NOBODY WANTS TO BE
22 INVESTING -- SIR, I'LL REMIND YOU, MR. YAROSLAVSKY, YOU SAID
23 \$1.4 BILLION, 2.9 BILLION WITH THE BOND COST "NOT ON MY
24 WATCH." WELL, NOW WE ARE FACING THESE VERY SAME ISSUES AGAIN.
25 IT'S A YEAR LATER. AND AT THE TOP OF TODAY'S SHOW, SUPERVISOR



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1 RIDLEY-THOMAS MADE SOME VERY COMPELLING REMARKS THAT I THINK
2 WE ALL REMEMBER. IT'S A VERY RARE DOWN HERE WHEN BILL FUJIOKA
3 AND GLORIA MOLINA BOTH CRY AND I WAS VERY MOVED BY THAT AND
4 YET HERE WE ARE WITH THIS JAIL NONSENSE AGAIN, AND YOU'RE
5 PROMOTING MR. KRATTLI WHO COULD BE DESCRIBED AS A COUNTY
6 OPERATIVE WHO IS NOT INTERESTED IN RESPECTING EVEN THE BOARD
7 RULES. AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT DAVE DEMERJIAN WHO IS ONE
8 OF THE HIGHEST PUBLIC INTEGRITY GUYS WE HAVE IN OUR COMMUNITY
9 HAS TOLD ME DIRECTLY THAT HE CAN'T ENCOURAGE YOU ALL TO
10 ENFORCE THE BOARD RULES. HE CAN'T DO ANYTHING. NOBODY, THE
11 PUBLIC INTEGRITY DIVISION HERE IN LOS ANGELES DOES NOT REQUIRE
12 THAT THE BOARD FOLLOW THEIR OWN RULES. WELL, IT'S VERY
13 DISCONCERTING FOR US. AND WHERE IS SUPERVISOR KNABE DURING
14 THIS IMPORTANT DISCUSSION? AND NOW I GUESS MAYOR ANTONOVICH
15 HAS ALSO LEFT. I FEEL VERY BADLY FOR MS. SUTTON. SHE'S A --
16 I'VE SPENT A LITTLE BIT OF TIME FOCUSING ON THESE HORRIBLE
17 ISSUES IN OUR JAILS THAT YOU'VE ALL BEEN FRUSTRATED WITH TOO.
18 SHE'S SPENT FAR MORE, TIMES A LOT. I JUST DON'T KNOW WHERE
19 WE'RE GOING FROM HERE. MULTIPLE MEETINGS GOING ON DURING THE
20 MEETING. INAPPROPRIATE.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME IS UP. MISS
23 JACKSON?

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1 **MIKI JACKSON:** HI. WELL, I MUST SAY I'M NEARLY THE LAST WORD.
2 I'LL TRY TO MAKE IT BRIEF. I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT A PLAN
3 FROM THE D.H.S.B, I'M STILL GETTING THAT ONE DOWN, TO BOTH
4 IMPLEMENT FEE FOR SERVICE AND IMPLEMENT GOING INTO L.I.P.S. AT
5 THE SAME TIME. IT JUST SEEMS A FORMULA FOR CHAOS AND PROBLEMS
6 IN MANAGING THE H.I.V. CONTRACTS AND MANAGING THE PROVIDERS.
7 I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SMALLER PROVIDERS, VERY AFRAID
8 THAT SOME CHAOS LIKE THIS, WE COULD LOSE A LOT OF THEM. I'M
9 MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THEM THAN ACTUALLY OUR OWN SELF, YOU
10 KNOW. CONTRARY TO SOME POPULAR BELIEF, WE DO NOT WISH TO BE
11 THE ONLY H.I.V. PROVIDER, AND THAT IS NOT A WAY TO DO
12 PLANNING. WE DON'T WANT THE CLIENTS TO EXPERIENCE THAT CHAOS.
13 AND THE OTHER PIECE OF THIS PICTURE IS -- SO WE'RE ASKING TO
14 PLEASE PUT FEE FOR SERVICE OFF UNTIL WE'VE STABILIZED THE
15 SYSTEM GOING INTO THE L.I.P.S. PROGRAMS. THE SECOND THING IS:
16 THE PLANNING COMMISSION MADE A VERY GOOD PLAN LAST YEAR ABOUT
17 THIS TIME IN HOW TO CREATE A SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES IN HOW TO
18 WRAP AROUND THE MEDICAL SERVICES IN THESE CHANGES. IT WAS AN
19 ATTEMPT THAT WOULD HELP THE COUNTY AND ALL OF US A GREAT DEAL
20 BECAUSE IT'S A WAY TO MAXIMIZE THE USE OF OUR FEDERAL FUNDS.
21 AND WE KNOW THAT THE COUNTY IS GOING TO BE VERY HARD HIT BY
22 THIS, AND WE CERTAINLY NEED TO USE ALL OF OUR FEDERAL H.I.V.
23 FUNDS VERY APPROPRIATELY. THERE'S AN EXCELLENT PLAN THAT THE
24 COMMISSION PUT FORTH TO DO THAT. AND FOR SOME REASON, THE
25 D.H.S.B. SEEMS TO BE, LIKE, IT ISN'T THERE.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. MR. NAHHAS.

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4 **JOHN NAHHAS:** THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY FOR ALLOWING ME
5 TO SPEAK AT TODAY'S PUBLIC MEETING. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW, SOME
6 OF THE RULES WHICH SEEM TO ALWAYS KIND OF GET MISPLACED OR
7 MAYBE MISUNDERSTOOD, IT SEEMS THAT THEY'RE DOWN IN WRITING,
8 BUT WE HAVE FROM ONE OF YOUR COUNTY COUNSEL THAT YOU MIGHT
9 HAVE SOME DIFFERENT RULES. AND OUR QUESTION TODAY IS, HOW ARE
10 THE CITIZENS THAT COME TO THESE MEETINGS SUPPOSED TO KNOW WHAT
11 THE RULES ARE IF YOU DON'T HAVE THEM WRITTEN DOWN? IF YOU
12 ABIDE BY RULES THAT ARE IN YOUR HEAD? WE CAN'T SEE HOW THAT
13 WORKS. WE CAN ONLY GO BY THE RULES BY WHAT THEY'RE WRITTEN.
14 AND THEY'RE WRITTEN VERY CLEARLY HERE. AND I THINK IF WAS A
15 SERGEANT AT ARMS THAT IS WORKING, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE,
16 THERE SHALL BE NO LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF TIMES A MEMBER OF THE
17 PUBLIC IS ALLOWED TO SPEAK. THAT IS A RULE OF THIS BOARD. NOW,
18 MR. PREVEN SAID THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ISN'T
19 GOING TO ENFORCE THAT. WHO ENFORCES THAT? DO YOU ENFORCE YOUR
20 OWN RULES? NOW, THIS WHOLE MEETING WORKS AND GOVERNMENT WORKS
21 BY THE FLOW OF INFORMATION. IF WE COME DOWN HERE, WE HAVE
22 CONCERNS. WE GIVE YOU OUR CONCERNS. THAT'S A FLOW OF
23 INFORMATION. WHEN YOU HAVE BREAKDOWNS OF LAWS, WE HAVE CHAOS.
24 AND THAT CHAOS PLAYED OUT TODAY IN THAT WE AREN'T ALLOWED TO
25 FLOW THAT INFORMATION. WE SEE SPECIAL INTERESTS COMING TO YOU



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1 AND TALKING TO YOU. WE SEE ALL THESE PEOPLE THAT HAVE VESTED
2 INTERESTS IN TALKING TO YOU. BUT PEOPLE THAT ARE IN THE
3 COMMUNITIES CAN'T TALK TO YOU BECAUSE, AGAIN, WE ARE VIOLATED.
4 JUST LAST WEEK OR TWO WEEKS AGO, YOU SAID THAT I COULDN'T
5 RECORD THIS MEETING. CAME UP AND YOU ASKED, SAID HEY, VERY
6 CLEARLY, MR. NAHHAS, SERGEANT, PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW HIM TO
7 RECORD. OR THE LAW STATES ANY PERSON ATTENDING AN OPEN AND
8 PUBLIC MEETING OF A LEGISLATIVE BODY OF A LOCAL AGENCY SHALL
9 HAVE THE RIGHT TO RECORD THE PROCEEDINGS. VERY CLEAR. COULDN'T
10 BE AMBIGUOUS.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT WE DID
13 TELL YOU THAT, AND WE TOLD YOU YOU WERE FREE TO RECORD FROM
14 THE AUDIENCE. YOU'RE FREE TO RECORD FROM THE SIDE. BUT YOU'RE
15 NOT FREE TO RECORD WHEN YOU'RE TESTIFYING BEFORE THE BOARD. A
16 CHANNEL 7 NEWS CAMERA CAN'T COME WHERE YOU ARE AND ERECT THEIR
17 CAMERA AND FILM.

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19 **JOHN NAHHAS:** BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT THE LAW SAYS. THE LAW DOESN'T
20 SAY THAT YOU GET TO MAKE IT.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES, IT DOES. YEAH, WE CAN
23 DETERMINE WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO --

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1 **JOHN NAHHAS:** REASONABLE FINDING. WHAT'S THE REASONABLE
2 FINDING?

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE REASONABLE FINDING IS THAT IT
5 IS DISRUPTIVE TO HAVE PEOPLE SITTING RIGHT THERE WHILE THEY'RE
6 TALKING FILMING. YOU CAN FILM RIGHT WHERE MR. PREVEN IS
7 SITTING, NOT A PROBLEM. IF YOU HAVE AN IPHONE, YOU CAN ZOOM
8 IN, OKAY?

9

10 **JOHN NAHHAS:** WHAT IS THE DISRUPTION OF MY VIDEOTAPING THIS
11 RIGHT NOW, RECORDING THIS?

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S THE JUDGMENT THE BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS GETS TO MAKE, MR. NAHHAS. YOUR TIME IS UP. THAT'S
15 IT. OKAY. LET'S FINISH OUR CLOSED SESSION.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
18 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
19 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS NO. CS-1 AND CS-2,
20 CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION,
21 ITEM NO. CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
22 SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION. AND ITEM NO. CS-4,
23 DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS AS INDICATED ON THE
24 POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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